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Turn Up In Force.

Described as an unheard of procedure, a move to adjourn the annual meeting of a local public limited company—for the purpose of investigation by shareholders—was lost after considerable discussion and criticism.

This occurred at the second ordinary annual meeting of the Hongkong Development and Savings Society, Ltd., held to-day at the City Hall, when there was an attendance of about two hundred, a number taking up standing room at the back of the hall.

Mr. Fred Ellis (managing director), presided, supported by Messrs. C. E. H. Beavis, L. Yau-tsun, Sum Pak-ming, Leung Yan-po and Chan Sau-fung (directors) and Mr. E. B. Raymond (secretary).

Among the shareholders notified present were Messrs. A. H. Rowe, B. Pasco, J. H. Ruttonjee, C. C. Stark, F. P. Leinfesty, J. H. Jackson, T. N. Chau (Chau Tsun-nin), W. Logan, C. L. Shank, C. B. Shank, J. Brook, G. K. Hall Brutton and Dr. F. H. Kew.

Before the meeting opened, Mr. J. H. Jackson said: Pardon me, Mr. Chairman, but it is now past the hour for which this meeting has been called.

Chairman's Speech.

The secretary then read the convening notice. Mr. Fred Ellis referred to the report and accounts having been in shareholders' hands and said:—

"Your directors greatly regret to record the loss which the company has suffered in the deaths during the year under review of the Hon. Mr. C. Montague Ede, Mr. H. A. Cartwright and Mr. Chau Siu-ki. The benefit of their advice and the valuable services they were able to render will be greatly missed.

"Your directors regret that they are unable to present a more favourable report. The reason is to be found in the financial conditions that have prevailed since June last.

"Turning to the accounts, the investments on loan are practically the same amount as appeared in our previous balance sheet. These are advances chiefly on the security of shares. At the time the advances were made, and at the time of the presentation of the previous report, the margin of security was considered and accepted as satisfactory. The financial crisis was unexpected, and the consequent depreciation of security could not be provided for. Your directors have decided to make provision for any probable losses, and as you will see from the accounts a reserve of \$350,000 has been made for bad and doubtful debts, thus turning what would have been a trading profit of \$43,425.78 into the loss which appears on the balance sheet. Your directors have no reason to think that this loss will not, to a great extent, be made good, provided we are in a position to grant time for this purpose.

"You will note that the auditors' report states that certain loans were at the date of the report without confirmation. These are loans which were advanced to persons who are at present out of the Colony, and their confirmation could not be obtained in time for the auditors. Confirmation of these loans will, however, be duly received.

"The accounts do not appear to call for further comment, except that the profit and loss account is for a period of 15 months instead of the usual 12 months.

A Project Deferred.

"With regard to the development scheme at Jardine's Lookout, Inland Lot No. 2453, which was intended to be taken up under the Government 40 years' lease scheme, only nine applications for building on that site have been finally confirmed out of about 2,000 applications which were originally received. Your directors have given their earnest attention to this matter, and have decided that it would be in the best interests of the shareholders to leave this project in abeyance until such time as the financial position will have improved, when the matter will again be taken up and negotiations with the Government in connection with the scheme will be renewed.

"With regard to Inland Lot No. 2453 and extension No. 2520, Wong Nei-chee Road, I am in a position to inform you that after extensive negotiation, amended plans have been duly passed, and on receipt of these plans from our architects, we shall be in a position to proceed, and the plans will be submitted to the applicants concerned for their approval and acceptance.

"In view of the position every effort has been made to keep down expenses. The office of the Company has been changed, thereby effecting a reduction in rent, and your directors, including myself, have waived payment of fees during the period under review.

"Trust to Luck." Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton seconded the adoption of the report and accounts. This was not the only Company, he stated, which had made a loss on the year's working having regard to the crisis through which we had passed. It was difficult to see how the directors could have foreseen the difficulties which had arisen. All they could do was to carry on, trust to luck and wait for the securities to rise.

Mr. A. H. Rowe asked that the names of the borrowers of money from the Company—on the loans which lacked confirmation—should be made public.

The Chairman said that it was not advisable to disclose them at the meeting. Some of them were absent from the Colony. At the conclusion of the meeting he would be pleased to give the names to any shareholder.

Mr. Arculli asked how shareholders were to know whether the loans were admitted or not. He was at a loss to understand the certifying by the auditors with the words "without confirmation."

Mr. Ellis: The explanation is that at the time the accounts were being examined, confirmations were sent out and had not come back. Since then three (of these confirmations) had come back (out of six loans).

Mr. Arculli: How are we to know whether the money has been properly managed and whether we are in a position to take action for the recovery of the money if such became necessary? If the policy of the directors is going to be that nothing is to be disclosed I propose an amendment that the meeting be adjourned and that a committee of shareholders be appointed to investigate the accounts and the position of the Company. The accounts are not favourable in my opinion, and I speak for other shareholders when I say that we consider them very unfavourable. There are other matters to which I would refer such as the considerable amount outstanding for interest, also to there being no depreciation on furniture. How are we to know whether the assets are not less than the amounts appearing in the accounts? Again, we do not know on what terms the loans were advanced, or whether the borrowers were given full market prices for shares. These are matters which cry aloud for explanation.

The Chairman: Loans were made with margins of 20 per cent. on market values. Some allowed for greater margins. Mr. Arculli remarked that he did not consider this very satisfactory and still pressed for the adjournment of the meeting and for the disclosure of the names.

No Names Disclosed. Mr. C. E. H. Beavis: I think I am voicing the opinion of the directors in stating that it is not advisable at this stage to disclose the names. If any advantage can be obtained from such a procedure they would be only too pleased to accede to the request. You, Sir, as a shareholder, can get the names on enquiry after the meeting.

Mr. Arculli replied that shareholders should not be asked to pass the accounts in the dark, and said that it was necessary for money to be handled with discretion. The Company was primarily a building Company. Very little had been done and it seemed to have concentrated on lending money on shares. He would like to know if the interest paid on the overdraft at the Bank exceeded the interest received from borrowers. Mr. Arculli concluded by asking the directors to take shareholders into their confidence.

Mr. Beavis (after consulting the Chairman): I understand that at present the interest received on those loans is not sufficient to pay the overdraft.

Mr. Arculli: Do any of the debtors hold positions in the Company?

The Chairman: No. Mr. Arculli: Do the loans include money lent to any directors or employees of the Company?

The Chairman: No. Mr. Arculli: With regard to the rent. Why is it down this year as \$24,000 as against \$9,600?

The Chairman: In last year's accounts the rent of only a few months was included. The accounts for the year under review include the payment of 15 months rent.

Mr. Arculli: Reverting to the loans, was more than 80 per cent. lent out on shares?

The Chairman: As far as I can remember, no. Sometimes greater margin was asked for.

Mr. Arculli: What is there to show that these loans were actually made?

The Chairman: We received ample security to cover these six amounts.

Mr. Arculli then reiterated his proposal of an amendment that the meeting be adjourned, and that a committee of shareholders be allowed to investigate the position of the Company and its affairs.

Mr. A. Curreen seconded the amendment.

"Most Extraordinary."

Dr. F. H. Kew: I think the amendment proposed is most extraordinary. I have never heard of such a thing. Have they any precedent for such a procedure?

Mr. B. Pasco: I wish to associate myself with Dr. Kew's remark. The adoption of the report and accounts has been proposed and seconded. We should get on with the business.

Mr. Hall Brutton: The directors have promised Mr. Arculli the information he wishes for. I do not see what purpose the amendment would serve. (Loud applause). We all sympathise with each other on the loss sustained but the only thing we can do is to face the position. Things are likely to improve in time. For heaven's sake give the Company a chance and we shall probably wipe off the loss.

The Chairman asked Mr. Arculli if he would withdraw his amendment in view of the feeling put by Mr. Arculli declined.

The Chairman: I do not think this is in order but as it has been pressed, I will put it to the meeting.

Amendment Lost. The amendment was then put and five voted for it and an overwhelming majority against it. The declaration that the amendment was lost was greeted with sustained applause.

The report and accounts were then put to the meeting and the motion was carried amidst applause, four voting against.

Other business passed by the meeting comprised:— Re-election of the retiring directors, Mr. C. E. H. Beavis and Mr. Sum Pak-ming—proposed by Mr. A. H. Rowe, seconded by Mr. J. H. Ruttonjee.

Re-election of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming as auditors for the current year—proposed by Mr. W. Logan (who stipulated that the remuneration should be the same as for last year), seconded by Mr. J. H. Jackson.

THE WEATHER. South west winds, moderate, fine to cloudy, reads the forecast until noon to-morrow.

The Observatory report issued at 10.30 a.m. to-day states that pressure is nearly stationary over central Japan and the Philippines. It has increased slightly from S. Manchuria to N.E. Japan, decreased moderately from Shanghai to Formosa and slightly elsewhere. The anticyclone is now central to the north of the Bonins. A depression has formed over China.

A motor lorry driven in the New Territories ran into a paddy field in attempting to avoid a water buffalo crossing the road. Two of the occupants were injured and had to be sent to hospital.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR. The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2/2-8/16.

\$1,000 DAMAGES.

MRS. JONES AND KOWLOON ACCIDENT.

A DRIVER'S DUTY.

Judgment for \$1,000 and costs was entered this morning in respect of the claim of Mrs. H. A. Jones against the Kai Tak Motor Bus Company.

In finding that there had been negligence on the part of the driver of the motor bus which overturned and caused injury to Mrs. Jones, His Honour Mr. Justice Wood made some interesting remarks relating to the expert advice which he had called in to enable him to determine whether there had been negligence.

The proper procedure the driver should have adopted when he felt the vehicle skidding, said His Honour, was to have de-clutched his engine and applied the brake with a series of slight pressures at the same time turning the steering wheel in the direction of the skid.

Neither of these procedures seemed to have been taken by the driver who in fact had applied his brakes suddenly when going at high speed. The vehicle at the time was travelling over a newly prepared road which had not been specially surfaced for motor traffic and had been watered immediately prior to the accident.

The road was also on a slightly downward gradient at this point and it had to be borne in mind that buses were frequently stopped at the point of the accident for the purpose of taking on or discharging passengers.

As regarded the speed at which the bus was travelling, His Honour recalled the evidence of the constable who had seen the vehicle approaching and was preparing to take its number because of the speed which he termed fast.

Speed of Bus.

The bus schedule provided for an average speed of 15 miles per hour and the buses were capable of a speed of over 30 miles an hour. On the evidence, His Honour found that in fact the bus when passing the junction of Tokawan Road was travelling at the rate of 20 miles an hour. The bus must have been travelling at considerably over 15 miles an hour, according to expert advice, for it to have been overturned as a result of the skid. If it had been going at moderate speed the bus would have remained upright afterwards.

His Honour referred to the expert advice he had called in and said that he was satisfied that the sudden application of the brake combined with the downward gradient, the slight camber and the condition of the road had led to the skid causing the accident. The sudden application of the brake when passengers signified their intention to get off the vehicle constituted a negligent act. An ordinary careful driver before attempting to bring his car to rest would have first reduced speed by cutting off the engine and applying his brake gradually.

The action of the driver in going into first gear when he felt the skid so far from counteracting the skid had assisted in it, he was informed, added His Honour. "It was clear to his adviser, and his opinion in His Honour's view was entirely reasonable, that there had been negligence before and after the skidding and he therefore gave judgment for the plaintiff with costs."

It has been held, added His Honour, that a higher degree of carelessness is required by law from drivers of public vehicles than from private drivers but I do not in this case rely on such consideration.

No Discourtesy. Before concluding, continued His Honour, I desire to record that in my opinion Mrs. Jones was mistaken in supposing that she was treated with any discourtesy by her fellow passengers on this occasion. She was no doubt in very great pain and not able to observe accurately what took place. Dr. S. W. Tso and his son were among the passengers and that fact alone will set at rest all doubts that anything was omitted in rendering assistance.

CRISIS OVER.

MANY INTRICATE CANTON PROBLEMS.

GOUSTING THE REDS.

"Man Of The Hour" Retains Control.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

"Canton, May 17.

After two and a half days' of martial law during which the Communists and the Moderates battled behind closed doors for mastery in the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, Canton breathed a sigh of deep relief to-day shortly after noon, when it was learned that the Moderates are not only firmly entrenched in power, but that the Russian influence is to be forcibly minimized here in future.

Moreover, a new committee is to be named to work for a settlement of the Hongkong strike-boycott issue. Though there is to be no lessening of the so-called "unequal treaty" agitation, the anti-foreign element will hereafter not be so strong in Kwangtung government circles as in the past.

These two major developments, together with a decision to send troops northward to check Wu Peifu's ambitions in the south, constitute the outstanding developments of the Central Executive Committee's meetings which are still continuing.

Troops In City.

General Chang Kai-shek emerges as the man of the hour, and as the outspoken opponent of Communist influences in the Canton Government. His troops patrolled the city on Saturday morning, occasionally in brigades of 500-strong. On Saturday afternoon and Sunday they kept order by marching in tens and twelves—and frequently there were as many as four squads seen to the block. A regiment of his men were posted at the Central Police Station on Saturday morning, and held in readiness for any kind of outbreak.

But there was no outbreak; Chang Kai-shek's precautionary measures had been too well thought out.

Chang's Attitude.

On Saturday morning the General was waited upon by representatives of five guilds and unions, and asked what his attitude was toward the Communists, and what he would do if rumours that the "Reds" would try to seize the city should prove true.

With unusual frankness he declared unequivocally in opposition to Communism and said that in future as in the past he would work, and if need be, strike, for the dominance of the pure Kuomintang Party.

Not content with this, General Chang Kai-shek appeared personally before the Central Executive Committee and introduced a series of eight resolutions which not only close the doors of membership in the Kuomintang to those who have resigned to join the Communist Party, but will make it impossible for Kuomintang members who are also Communists to hold any position higher than that of first assistant to bureau chief, and which will bar Communists from any rank in the army above that of captain.

Momentous Meeting. Chang Kai-shek's eight resolutions, which have been referred to a special committee (which resorts to a plenary session of the Central Executive Committee to be held to-day) read as follows:—

1. The Communist Party shall instruct its members to improve their attitude towards the Kuomintang both in word and action, especially forbidding them to entertain doubt or adverse criticism towards the late President (Dr. Sun) of the Kuomintang.

2. The Communist Party shall submit a register of all its members who have joined the Kuomintang, such register to be kept by the Chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang.

3. Only non-Communist members are eligible to hold offices as chiefs of the Central Department of the Kuomintang; and Communists may hold no offices higher than first assistants to such chiefs, and no army commissions higher than those of captains.

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THREE ENGLISHMEN SENT TO PRISON.

FEMALE ACCOMPLICES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, May 18.

The Second Correctional Court has sentenced the Englishmen, John Leather to three years' imprisonment and a fine of 3,000 francs; and Ernest Phillips and William Fisher each to two years' imprisonment and a fine of 2,000 francs; and two Frenchwomen, Marthe Moreuil and Andree Lefebvre each to six months' imprisonment and a fine of 50 francs on charges of espionage.

Marthe Moreuil was granted the benefit of extenuating circumstances, but was refused exemption of punishment often granted to denouncers of spies on the ground that her first declarations in Court were false and calculated to mislead.

The Court was satisfied of the existence of an espionage agency, including the three accused men, in the service of a foreign Power, which was kept informed of details of the French Navy, aviation, ports, and war material.

The two women obtained the aviation information, Moreuil making several visits to St. Raphael and Brest to make the acquaintance of young French naval officers.

DRAMA AND ROMANCE.

Marthe Moreuil, alias Monsiell, the auburn-haired 24-year-old girl, who was arrested under dramatic circumstances on a train between Nice and Paris on a charge of espionage, and who managed to jettison documents which she admitted she was carrying, is known in the Latin quarter of Paris as "Mademoiselle Fox-trot," owing to her jaunty walk.

When her mother heard of her arrest she tearfully said she always knew Marthe would finish badly. She could not do anything with her, and three years ago her father forbade her to enter the house. She was placed in a religious home in an unsuccessful attempt to reform her.

Marthe spent her money on cheap jewellery and excursions to night life haunts. Recently she wrote to her parents saying she was marrying an English peer's nephew.

The French authorities believe that Lionel Wiet, a bogus naval officer, who was arrested in Paris recently, was merely a swash-buckling Frenchman posing as a spy to impress his paramour, Lucie Rene.

Thus far Wiet has only been charged with unlawfully wearing a uniform. He boasted of his association with Moreuil, the former artist's model whose name a detective recognised as frequently appearing in hotel registers in aerodrome towns.

Rene, when interrogated, denounced Moreuil, alleging that she had been invited to share lucrative espionage employment.

The Burndep Wireless Company, in London, pointed out that the arrested men control the company's Paris agency, and their work naturally entailed inquiries of aeroplane works, as the company was booming a short-wave receiver for aeroplanes' use. It was believed that they probably were merely indiscreet.

The Sentenced Men.

Ernest Phillips, the business manager of Burndep-Bleriot, which is the Paris agency for the Burndep Co. of London, is a fluent German scholar, having been educated at Tuebingen University. He was engaged in the British Army Intelligence Corps in France, and twice dropped from an aeroplane behind the German lines, once staying for three weeks in a village occupied by the Germans. He spent six years in London hospitals as the result of wounds received on the Somme.

John Leather, a half-time wireless London expert in Burndep's employment, exploited a number of British machinery agencies.

The Paris police declared that Leather and Phillips admitted that they belonged to the British Intelligence Service.

A Girl Must Live.

Moreuil maintained a cynical attitude. She defended her action in turning spy, saying, "A girl is obliged to live somehow. I'm ready to pay the penalty. I know the dangers, but I prefer to sell my country's secrets for 1,000 francs (approximately £8) to starving as a model."

I met Fisher (one of the three sentenced Englishmen) in a cafe, and he became my lover. Later he introduced me to Phillips, who offered me 1,200 francs (approximately £10) a month to operate under his direction. I resigned my position as a nurse in a clinic and became a model, but

TAIKOO QUARREL.

EUROPEANS AT THE POLICE COURT.

AN ASSAULT SUMMONS.

A number of European residents at Stanley Terrace, Taikoo, were interested parties in a case heard by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, the complainant being Mr. G. W. Mackenzie who obtained a summons against a Chinese servant girl employed by Mrs. R. W. Keown for an assault on his seven-year old son, Charlie on May 9.

During the hearing of evidence the Magistrate had repeatedly to call the parties to order for irregular remarks.

The little boy in his evidence stated that he was playing on the terrace and was teased by a girl named Ena. A quarrel ensued between the two and in the course of it he alleged that he was struck four times on the back by the defendant. This was substantiated in evidence by Mr. Mackenzie's amah who was near by minding a baby.

Mr. Mackenzie said that when he arrived home late in the afternoon he found the boy in a sick and feverish condition. The boy complained of having been assaulted. Witness then made a complaint to Mr. Keown but he refused to have anything to do in the matter. He then called in a constable to ascertain the girl's name in order to obtain a summons.

Mr. Keown remarked that the girl's name was never asked, otherwise he would have supplied it, but he resented the complainant coming with all the "majesty of the law" and holding out a threat of issuing summons.

The girl's defence was that Charlie, who was riding a bicycle, ran over a baby in her charge and next pulled the baby's hair. She then had to push him away.

On Mrs. Keown being called as a witness for the defence, the complainant objected on the ground that she was seated in Court during the hearing of previous evidence. This objection was overruled. Witness in her evidence said that Charlie with his bicycle was obstructing the girl's passage and she shouted out to him from the verandah to push him over. She saw Charlie smacking the "makes" amah and pulling her child's hair. In reply to a question by the complainant, witness emphatically denied that she asked the girl to strike Charlie.

Mrs. Morrison who was called by the defence to account for the condition in which the boy was found by his father said that she saw Charlie riding a bicycle. Suddenly she saw him fall in a funny way. Questioned by complainant, she said the boy fell on his head.

Further witness being mentioned, His Worship considered it was unnecessary to proceed with fresh evidence. It was clear that the boy suffered from pain and vomiting which may have been consistent with blows on the back, but he held that the charge of assault had not been substantiated. The summons was therefore dismissed.

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I visited the principal air-ports, winning the affections of youthful officers, and obtaining information as to the number and quality of the aeroplanes, and also technical matters, especially relating to a secret five engine aeroplane which is under construction."

The examining magistrate, and police escorted the prisoners to the Burndep-Bleriot offices in Paris, which were scrupulously searched, even to the storeroom and cellar. Several boxes filled with documents were removed for closer perusal. The examining officers listened on a number of wireless sets, hoping to intercept secret information, but they heard only the Eiffel Tower and other musical programmes.

Suspensions were entertained of Moreuil's readiness to confess with copious detailed allegations. She left home when 15, and thereafter blossomed out as an adventurer, drifting from the protection of one man to that of another.

NAVAL LORE.

UPHOLDING BRITAIN'S SEA TRADITIONS.

LOCAL LECTURE.

A review of important events in naval history with particular reference to the life of Nelson, was given at the Central British School last night by the Rev. G. E. S. Updell. The lecture was under the auspices of the local branch of the Navy League, the Vice-President of which, Mr. W. A. Dowley, presided.

The Rev. G. E. S. Updell prefaced his remarks by reminding his audience that the prosperity of Hongkong depended upon its ocean trade; and its merchant princes relied upon the freedom of the seas to freighters and passenger vessels. This safety was enjoyed solely on account of the British Navy, which had swept the pirates from the trade routes.

The lecturer said that whilst Nelson begins the roll of Britain's heroes, much as Napoleon, his great opponent, fills the stage from the French point of view, it must not be forgotten that long before the day when the man who gave the message to his sailors that England expected every man to do his duty, there lived seafaring heroes who freely gave their blood and genius to further England's greatness.

The lecturer referred briefly to the events which led to the execution of Admiral Byng for alleged cowardice in the face of the French, stating that it was held by many that his only error was one of judgment. It was on the following year that Nelson was born. Pictures were then shown depicting the early life of Nelson, his narrow escape from a bear as a "middy," his service under Lord Hood, participation in the blockade and subsequent capture of the French fleet at Toulon.

His meeting with Lady Hamilton as a result of a commission concerned with important despatches and the subsequent influence of this lady on the life of Nelson was dealt with. By stages the audience were taken to the time and incidents of the battle of St. Vincent and personalities amongst the French notables at this time.

After dwelling upon Napoleon's determination to conquer, and his musing of troops at Boulogne, the lecturer remarked that doubtless those present would be amused to see a reproduction of a medal struck by Napoleon to commemorate the invasion of England. It bears beneath the group on the reverse, the French words "Frappée à Londres" (struck in London). The following picture showed many of the projects made by the French for the invasion of England, including the employment of balloons and the "use of the Channel tunnel."

Then followed a resume of the period from May 18, 1803, when Nelson hoisted his flag on H.M.S. "Victory" until his death, the main incidents being thrown on the screen.

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BIRTHS.

BUNBURY.—On April 25, at
Rolenden Woking, Surrey,
to Marjorie, wife of H. W. L.
Bunbury of The Residency,
Sandakan, North Borneo, a
son.

CRANNA.—On May 9, at the
European Hospital, Kuala
Lumpur, to Mr. and Mrs.
A. P. Cranna, Cheviot Estate,
Labu, a daughter.

GIBSON.—On May 9, 1926, at
Kuala Lumpur, to the wife of
W. S. Gibson, Malayan Civil
Service, a son.

SAITER.—On May 10, 1926, at
the International Hospital,
Hankow, to Mr. and Mrs.
J. E. Saiter, a son (stillborn).

DEATHS.

SIMPSON.—On May 11, 1926, at
the General Hospital, Singa-
pore, Jessie, the beloved wife
of Mr. A. A. Simpson.

DE SILVA.—On April 11, at 80-7,
Kampong Java Road, Singa-
pore, Rudolph Edward de
Silva, 49 years.

LESTER.—On May 14, 1926, at
Shanghai, Henry Lester,
aged 87 years.

VEERASAMY.—On May 11,
1926, at Krishna Villa,
Changi Road, Singapore, Dr.
N. Veerasamy, J. P.

Hongkong, Wednesday, May 19, 1926.

ANTI-COMMUNIST HORES.

Not for many months has such
good news come through from
Canton as that conveyed by our
own correspondent in an interest-
ing letter published in this issue.
The Communists and the Moder-
ates have waged a battle for
mastery in the Central Executive
Committee of the Kuomintang.
The result is cheering to a degree.
The Moderates are not only firmly
entrenched in power, but the
Bolshevik influence is to be forc-
ibly minimised in future.

It has required a really strong
man to achieve this laudable re-
sult, and it is little wonder that
General Chang Kai-shek is being
acclaimed as the man of the hour.
This is his second combat with
the forces of Moscow, and triumph
has been his on each occasion. If
he only continues the role of de-
nouncer of Communism the polit-
ical atmosphere of Canton will
be considerably clarified. It will
then be possible for the Govern-
ment to devote its attention to
pressing problems awaiting solu-
tion and settlement untrammelled
by the precious advice of Borodin
and Co.

The manner in which the Can-
ton Government will approach the
numerous outstanding points at

issue will naturally be followed
with the closest interest in this
Colony. The welfare of both
centres is so inextricably inter-
woven, in spite of the sundered
relations engineered by the emis-
saries of Moscow, that friendly
eyes will once again be turned to-
ward Canton in that spirit of
patience and conciliation which
has become almost proverbial in
the British intercourse with our
neighbours in the Orient. The
demolition of the Bolshevik struc-
ture by General Chang Kai-shek
cannot but exercise a beneficial
influence on any movement
having as its objective the
re-establishment of the
rapprochement between Hong-
kong and Canton. It was obvious
that so long as "Comrade" Borodin
"ruled the roost" and endeavoured
to proselytise the Cantonese
leaders little real advance could
be made in the desired direction.
Now that that sinister element
has been virtually eliminated
from the counsels of the Canton
Government, nothing should be
permitted to stand in the way of
reverting to the status quo. The
Hongkong Government has re-
peatedly given assurances of its
readiness to negotiate on a fair
and honourable basis. The Can-
ton Government has been no less
ready, through its official spokes-
men, to discuss a settlement of
the present difficulty, which is
proving as detrimental to the
trade and development of Canton
as to that of Hongkong.

Neither Government, and still
less any of the previous negotiat-
ing bodies, can complain of being
embarrassed or hindered by the
publication in this Colony of pre-
mature reports or indiscreet
rumours. The one desire has
been to assist where possible—
even to the point of silence. Time
is passing, and hope is continually
being fortified. But neither this
Colony nor the Cantonese them-
selves can exist on the small
crumbs of comfort leavened by
that hope. The moment appears
opportune for mere hope to be re-
placed by solid realisation.

COAL REFLECTIONS.

Glancing through newspapers
from mining districts in which
the conditions of the mining in-
dustry are reviewed, one notices
in the correspondence columns
statements such as that of the
minister in a Welsh mining dis-
trict who states, and probably
with truth, that his ministry
takes him into homes where "the
rations are shorter than I could
subsist on." Is not the reason
for this, however, that the wage
owner of the family is not a free
agent? One wonders if the
minister discovered whether the
breadwinners in those homes had
been given the opportunity to
state whether an alteration of
one-half an hour a day extra in
the working time or any altera-
tion in the wage agreement would
be agreeable to them. There are
undoubtedly thousands of workers
who have respect for themselves,
homes and family that would
readily agree to some slight
alterations in the conditions of
working rather than pauperise
their families, but the wages are
so much under the control of ex-
tremists that such men cannot
state their views. What are the

facts as regards the British coal
export trade? The need for coal
is usually much greater than the
demand for it at any given time
indicates but it is the purchasing
power of the would-be buyers
which determines the extent to
which that need is satisfied. If
the price of coal is brought within
the buying capacity of potential
customers the demand is auto-
matically increased. With cur-
tailed production costs are in-
creased with the result that it is
not possible to quote a competi-
tive price for one's product. One
must bear in mind that foreign
countries pay for coal from Brit-
ain in kind and that a low cost
of living is impossible in a coun-
try which imports so much food-
stuffs apart from an expansion in
exports. Nor should one forget
that if high prices are charged for
what we send to others, others
will charge high prices for what
they send to us. These indisput-
able facts must be realised by
most of the thinking miners and
one can only wonder how long
they, or any whose actions are
determined by a minority of ex-
tremists, will put up with such a
state of affairs. The institution
of Whitley Councils on which are
represented employers, employees
and unbiased observers has
already been followed with success
in many professions. Many im-
portant Banking institutions have
them and the Telegraph com-
panies also have found them a
means for amicable discussion and
settlement of difficulties which
are bound to rise from time to
time. It may be that out of what
had the appearance of being a
national disaster, lasting benefit to
the whole community may yet
accrue in that the recent debacle
will bring home to workers in all
callings and professions the need
for fairer representation and fac-
ilities for voting on matters which
so closely affect those engaged in
them.

CORRESPONDENCE.

REPULSE BAY PIER?

(To the Editor of the China Mail)

Sir,—Now that one's thoughts
turn to the comfort of sea bathing
in the hot weather is it too much
to ask that a pier should be erect-
ed at Repulse Bay similar to this
one which the typhoon blow of
1922 destroyed?

In spite of the assurances given
at the Sanitary Board some little
time back that a gang of coolies
was engaged in the work of clear-
ing the beach of rocks at Repulse
Bay, many parts of it are still bad
and make getting into the water
a torture unless one wears shoes
to the water's edge.
A more solidly constructed
T-shaped pier than that which
was carried away should not in-
volve a great deal of expenditure
and it would prove a great boon to
the hundreds to whom bathing is
the one activity feasible when the
hot weather sets in.
Diving from the rafts is
alright but a few springboards at
varying heights which it would
be possible to fix to a pier would
be infinitely preferable.

I know that economy is the
watchword just now but there is
such a thing as spoiling the ship
for a ha'p'oth of tar.

Yours faithfully,
A. BATHER.
Hongkong, May 18.

ARCHITECT'S CLAIM.

NO EXPERT EVIDENCE CALLED.

LOSES HIS CASE.

Judgment for the defendant
with costs was entered this morn-
ing in the case in which Mr.
Alexander Wood, Graham Brown,
a local architect, claimed \$250
balance for work done in the
drawing of plans for demolition
and re-election of a house at 13
Sai Street.

The case had been adjourned in
order to give the plaintiffs an
opportunity of calling expert evi-
dence as to what constituted a
reasonable fee for such work.

No evidence was forthcoming
this morning and Mr. J. T. Prior,
for the plaintiffs, said that in view
of His Honour's previous finding
they submitted to judgment. On
the grounds that the defendant
had no positive merit he asked that
the judgment should not be with
costs.

His Honour disagreed as to the
defendant having no positive merit
and said that the judgment would
have to be with costs.
Mr. E. S. C. Brooks was for the
defence.

TWO DECORATIONS.

UNIQUE HONOUR FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

MERCHANT RECIPIENTS.

Two prominent local Chinese
merchants have just received
Dutch honours, both being con-
nected with the Hongkong—East
Indies trade.

H.M. Queen Wilhelmina has
appointed Mr. Kwik Djoen-eng,
and Mr. Sum Pak-ming, two well
known residents of Hongkong,
officers in the Order of Orange-
Nassau.

The presentation of the in-
signias of that order was per-
formed at the local Netherland
Consulate-General last Saturday,
by Mr. M. J. Quist, the Consul
General, in the presence of some
Chinese relations and friends of
both gentlemen, the leading mem-
bers of the Netherlands com-
munity and others.

[Note: This Order was in-
stituted in order honourably to
distinguish Netherland subjects
as well as foreigners who have
made themselves of special use
and benefit to the Crown (of
Holland) the state, or to society
in general.]

Friendly Sentiment.

Speaking of Mr. Kwik, Mr.
Quist said that he had largely
indulged in charity and relief
among the poorer classes. "How
keen you are in entertaining
business relations with us, is
shown by your reclamation
scheme at North Point and the
building of a quay wall there,
where later on ocean-going vessels
may make fast alongside in order
to land sugar cargoes from Java.
With keen foresight, but also
with friendly sentiments, you
have entrusted that work to one
of our foremost companies for the
building of harbour works, viz.,
the Netherlands Harbour Works
Co."

Of Mr. Sum Pak-ming, Mr.
Quist said that he had been of
great benefit to the Dutch, by his
connection with the Java-China-
Japan Lijn, especially when that
line was opened, as his co-opera-
tion with the then Head agent,
Mr. Roosgaarde Bisschop, was
of the greatest use. "Your sound
advice, your business connections
in Hongkong and in South China
generally, have proved of the
greatest import to that shipping
company and you may be content-
ed with the knowledge that you
have greatly assisted that com-
pany in attaining their first class
position in these parts of the
world. I am sure that also the
Holland-Pacific Line—which was
doing so well during the World
War—and the Holland East Asia
Line have benefited by your great
knowledge and business experi-
ence."

Many Years' Help.

Mr. Quist, in his address, also
said:—
That Mr. Kwik and Mr. Sum
have assisted the Dutch trade
pioneers for more than twenty
years, peacefully to develop con-
nections in Hongkong and China.

"I do not think that it has
often happened before that two
Chinese merchants in Hongkong
or China have been so highly dis-
tinguished by my August Sover-
sign as our two friends here. I
am inclined to believe that their
case is rather unique and for
myself it is a unique occasion in
that sense that I have the honour
for the first time of my career, of
twenty years, and the great
pleasure, to present honourable
distinctions of this kind."

The Consul-General having pin-
ned the decorations on the re-
cipients' coats, the English text
of the foregoing was translated
into Chinese by Mr. Li Tan-fan,
the Secretary-Interpreter of the
Consulate-General, himself a
chevalier in the same order.

After the customary toasts,
Mr. Kwik and Mr. Sum expressed
their deep thanks.

Who They Are.

[Mr. Kwik Djoen-eng has lived
in Java for over 40 years and has
met with great success. He has
extended his uncle's, Mr. Kwik
Hoo-tong's firm of Gim Moh in
Solo (Sourakarta), to one of great
magnitude. He is now one of
the biggest sugar exporters from
Semarang. He founded a Chinese
school at Djocjarta and the
Anglo-Chinese School at Semar-
ang, with which a considerable
outlay, is connected annually.]

In 1921 Mr. Kwik returned to
Hongkong where he has establish-
ed the Ching Siong Co. It was
then that the idea occurred to Mr.
Kwik to build a quay wall of over
1,700 feet for the accommodation
of big cargo steamers which, so
often, have to anchor in mid-
harbour, thereby imposing much
inconvenience on the working of
cargo. The scheme is being ex-
ecuted at North Point under
the approval of the Hongkong
Government which has afforded
every facility and deputed the
Port Engineer to supervise the
works. When completed, there
will be foreign type houses, shops,

CRISIS OVER.

(Continued from page 1.)

4. Members of the Kuomintang
are prohibited from convening
meetings in the name of the
Kuomintang without the permis-
sion of the Party.

5. All Kuomintang members are
forbidden to start other organisa-
tions or engage in other political
activities without the orders of
the party.

6. All orders of the Chinese
Communist Party and the Third
Internationale to the Communist
Party members in the Kuomintang
must first be submitted to the
Joint Party Council for approval.

7. Members of the Kuomintang
are forbidden to join other parties
without first having obtained per-
mission to resign from the
Kuomintang Party. Members
who have resigned from the
Kuomintang and joined the Com-
munist Party are not to be allow-
ed to rejoin the Kuomintang.

8. Members of the Kuomintang
violating any of the above con-
ditions are to be summarily expelled
from the Party or appropriately
punished.

[These eight resolutions were
seconded in the names of Sun Fo
and General Tan Yen-kai.]

How Things Are Done.

In addition to the eight resolu-
tions, introduced by General Chang
Kai-shek, a more general preamble
was signed by him jointly with
Tan Yen-kai, Sun Fo, Chu Piu-teh,
T. V. Soong, Kam Na-kwong,
Chen Kung-pok, Lam Cho-hang and
C. C. Wu, some of whom have been
formerly considered to be adher-
ents of the Communist group here.

This general preamble recites in
roundabout fashion the urgent
need for co-operation and real
party harmony, the dangers of in-
ternal strife, and the necessity for
loyalty to one set of principles.

After considerable generalisation,
this document of many significant
signatures becomes specific as
follows:—

"Deploping that the good in-
tentions of our late leader, Dr.
Sun Yat-sen, for co-operation
might be frustrated and the cen-
tralisation of the revolutionary
forces might be split, we there-
fore make the following proposals
for improvement of party condi-
tions:—

"Amendment of relations be-
tween the Kuomintang and the
Communist Party.

"Correction of the language and
conduct of members (where
irregular) when they are members
of another party besides the
Kuomintang.

"To uphold the integrity, and
sanctity of the principles of the
Kuomintang.

"To define exactly the status
and significance of the Com-
munist Party members in the
Kuomintang.

"In order to elucidate the sig-
nificance of these four points and
to remove internal differences of
the Kuomintang we therefore or-
ganise a joint conference of the
two parties."

A Coming War?

The movement of troops north-
ward was begun without delay
after Saturday's resolution to start
the Northern Expedition. All day
on Sunday, great bodies of troops
began moving out over the railway
line to Shukwan. So heavy was
the movement that only military
business was handled for 24 hours.

Another development over the
week end was that the All China
Labour Congress followed the lead
of the Peasant Congress in pass-
ing a resolution urging the gov-
ernment "to forever cancel the
petroleum oil monopoly and reduce
the price of salt, as well as the
taxes on daily necessities, but to
increase the stamp duty on tobacco
and liquor and enforce the stamp
duty on jewellery."

It is rumoured that in order to
finance the Northern Expedition,
the concession on gambling may be
once more revived in Canton.
Already there is fainter on the
Hoham side, but open games are
not seen in the city.

High wages and large individual
output is the key to industrial pro-
sperity.—Sir Alfred Mond.

As soon as we get an ulterior
motive for education it loses its
value.—Dr. W. H. D. Rouse.

domestic tenements, numbering
over 400, together with a Con-
fucian School. The whole under-
taking is estimated to entail a
capital outlay of about \$10,000-
000.

Mr. Sum Pak-ming has been
connected with the Java-China-
Japan Lijn since its establish-
ment in 1908, especially in the
capacity of Chinese agent. For
many years he was, comprador
of the German firm of Messrs.
Bornemann and Co., of which he
is now a partner. Furthermore
he is the Chinese agent of the
Yokohama Specie Bank.
In 1917 he was appointed a
Justice of the Peace, Hongkong.]

COAL STRIKE.**GOVERNMENTS PLANS FOR SETTLEMENT.****AIMING AT LONG PEACE.***(British Wireless Service.)*

Rugby, May 17.

The Government's proposals for a settlement of the coal strike were examined this afternoon by the full Executive of the Miners' Federation, and at the conclusion of the meeting the members had an interview with the Prime Minister, Mr. S. Baldwin, at the House of Commons.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by Sir Arthur Steel Maitland, Minister of Labour, Lord Birkenhead, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, and Colonel Lane Fox, Secretary for Mines.

A general discussion took place in explanation of the proposals submitted by the Government, and at the conclusion of the meeting, which lasted two hours, it was stated that the Miners' Executive would meet again to-morrow morning.

Highly technical questions are involved in the proposals, and the Miners' Executive are naturally eager to be able to place a full statement of the Government's plan before their delegates' conference which is called for Thursday.

Distress Associations of colliery owners also are considering their policy in the light of the Government's indication of what it considers the rates of wages should be and of the possibility of a new Wages Board schedule, which would aim at ensuring a long period of peace in coal industry.

Optimistic Statement.

Hopes that a move for the reopening of the negotiations may begin on Thursday are based on the fact that, in addition to the miners' delegate conference the Central Committee of the owners' organisation has been summoned for that day.

The newspapers anticipate that a Minister of the Crown will keep in close touch with both sides for mediation purposes when the question of the wages rate reaches the state of direct negotiation.

Shortage of Coal.

To-day is the eighteenth day of the coal strike, and large consumers are feeling the effects of shortage of stock. This factor has restricted the movement toward the restoration of normal conditions in many industrial areas and although considerable supplies of fuel are available, economy in its use is being exercised.

When at the week-end the railways were able to resume more or less normal services the companies had large stocks on hand. Representations have, however, been made to them by the Minister of Transport to conserve supplies, and it was today announced that on the Southern system train services will be restricted to from 30 to 50 per cent. of those normally in operation.

The railway managers were called together this evening to consider the question of conservation of supplies, and it is reported that the restrictions to be decided upon will include the cancellation of excursion facilities during the next Whitsuntide holiday as well as a general reduction in the normal time table of passenger trains.

L.C.C. Expenses.

The London County Council today approved of a special estimate of £50,000 in respect of matters arising out of a state of emergency during the strike.

"British Gazette" Losses.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Winston Churchill, in reply to a question, stated that the approximate figures available indicated that the gross cost of establishing the "British Gazette" during the general strike was about £22,000 but the total net loss would probably not exceed £10,000. He said that it was a surprisingly small charge considering the difficulties that had to be overcome and the short period of publication.

A SPECTACULAR INCIDENT.*(Reuters Service.)*

London, May 18.

A scene recalling the end of the war on the return of the City Imperial Volunteers from South Africa was witnessed in the City when the First Brigade of the Guards and the First Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment, 4,000 strong, marched from Dockland, where they had safeguarded food supplies during the strike, to Waterloo Station en route to Aldershot.

Eager thousands filled the streets and cheered the mile-long procession of troops who carried their campaigning kits, with steel helmets, gas masks, and fixed bayonets.

The Lord Mayor, Colonel Sir W. B. Pryke, in his robes of office, was standing on the steps of the Mansion House, and took the salute as the column passed, the Bands playing "Rule Britannia."

Further Trouble.

London, May 18.

Further railway trouble has arisen according to an official statement issued at the conclusion of a joint meeting of the three Railway Trade Union Executives to reinstate large numbers of employees under the terms of the settlement reached between the Companies and the Trade Unions last Friday. The Unions have received very strong complaints from the branches all over the country, particularly the Northern lines. The Unions have decided to ask the Companies for an immediate meeting to discuss the difficulties.

EARLIER NEWS.*(British Wireless Service.)*

Rugby, May 17.

Sir James Martin, President of the London Chamber of Commerce, has addressed the following letter to the Premier: "On the return to normal conditions, I am impelled, on behalf of 50,000 business firms and companies represented on the Council of this Chamber, to express to you and other members of the Government, the keen appreciation and admiration which is felt by all at the manner in which the Government have functioned during the past critical days in maintaining the vital services of the country and safeguarding the food supplies of the people. I feel confident that your appeal for the spirit of goodwill in industry will not fail to meet with a ready response."

Rugby, May 17.

Mr. H. B. Birtlington, Under Secretary for Labour, stated in the House of Commons, that it had not yet been possible to collect the material for making even an approximate estimate of the amount lost in wages in Great Britain during the general strike, but it was clear that the amount would run into many millions. Enquiries in London, shopping centres to-day showed that a rapid recovery in business is anticipated. Indeed to-day, shops seemed more busy than ordinary, although, of course, arrears of buying would account partly for this.

Rugby, May 17.

Reports continue to come to hand of industries having been maintained during the general strike. In the west of England woollen industry there was no cessation of work whilst in the Nottingham textile trade there was little modification in output. Production in the machine tool trades has been quite unaffected. Manufacturers of cast iron hollow-ware have kept their factories at work and other Birmingham industries are resuming with the utmost rapidity. All the above industries are in a position to execute export orders without delay.

During the last few days hundreds of cablegrams have been received from overseas visitors, who are on the point of sailing for Europe, asking if the social season was likely to be affected by the strike. They may be assured that from now onwards nearly all the season's principal events will take place. Indeed, if the coal strike is ended quickly, the season should run its normal course.

Stock markets opened to-day with a buoyant tone. There was a substantial increase in business and services rose sharply in several sections. Following a slight reaction about mid-day, the tone became stronger.

To-day was making up day, and it is remarkable that making-up prices generally record an appreciable advance compared with the prices which ruled on the last making-up day, a fortnight ago on the eve of the general strike.

Opinion is generally expressed in financial circles that the industrial atmosphere has been cleared by the defeat of direct action and that the movement in sound British securities will come in for much more attention in consequence.

RACIAL FEUDS.**FRESH DISTURBANCE IN BENGAL.****FIVE PERSONS KILLED.***(Reuters Service.)*

Calcutta, May 18.

A communal disturbance at Kharagpur, in Bengal, resulted in five persons being killed and 21 seriously injured.

"I do not think the aeroplane can ever compete with the train," Lieut.-Col. W. L. Marsh.

THE KHALIFAT.**INDIAN DELEGATE'S LENGTHY REPORT.****CONGRESS IN CAIRO.***(Reuters Service.)*

Cairo, May 18.

It is understood that the Indian delegate has submitted a lengthy report to the Khalifat Congress proposing:—Firstly—The formation of a permanent Committee composed of representatives of all Moslem countries; secondly—the formation of local Congresses to draw up principles to serve as the basis of discussion at future Congresses; thirdly—no decision to be taken on the question of the Khalifat until an agreement has been reached, among Moslems; fourthly—the formation of a central fund to cover the expenses of permanent members of the Congress; fifthly—the suppression of rites.

Requisite Conditions.

A Committee was appointed to examine the conditions of and need for the Khalifat. After a lengthy discussion an agreement was reached in regard to the requisite conditions of the future Khalifat. A second Committee was appointed to examine the question whether it is possible at present to find a Khalifat embodying both the legal and religious conditions.

It was also decided to convene a general Islamic assembly.

RIVAL TO GENEVA?

Under the above heading a Home paper says:—A remarkable sign of the times is provided in the news from Egypt of a proposed Islamic League of Nations. For a long time it has been evident that Moslemism is an awakening force, arousing to a sense of its power and its mission in the world. A new movement, born of the political and intellectual unrest of the last few years, aims at nothing less than the setting up of a Moslem League of Nations. A reorganised Khalifat forms part of this ideal. The President of the League would be the titular Khalif. The Daily News Cairo correspondent speaks of the activities of the Khalifat Committee in Egypt, under the direction of a well-known sheikh, Mohamed, Madhdi Abud Azam. This committee is in close touch with Moslem institutions throughout the world, and has been steadily propagating the idea of holding a representative Islamic congress at Mecca, the centre of the Islamic world, for the purpose of electing a new Khalif. The central idea is that the Khalifat should be a representative institution and not a personal office, and should function through a permanent assembly of duly accredited delegates representing the entire Moslem world. The president of this Assembly would be the titular Khalif, and its proceedings would be supported by a League of Islamic States. The consequences of this plan, if it were carried out, would be incalculable, for it would establish a Moslem League of Nations far more coherent and effective than its prototype at Geneva. For Islam is not and never has been a purely religious system. It is impossible to divorce the religious from the political factor, and a permanent, representative Khalifat council at Mecca would undoubtedly introduce a factor in world politics profoundly affecting all the Great Powers with interests of any kind in the East.

ITALIAN FLOODS.**FATAL AVALANCHE OF SNOW.***(Reuters Service.)*

Rome, May 18.

Severe floods have occurred in various parts of Italy. Three bodies have been recovered from the Adige at Verona. A considerable area is inundated. Several landslides have occurred and many roads are impassable.

The Po overflowed its banks, completely isolating three districts at Brescia. An avalanche of snow at Adamello, at a height of 6,000 feet, overwhelmed a party of workers. Only two bodies have been recovered.

FALLING FRANCS.**A FURTHER SLUMP IN LONDON.***(Reuters Service.)*

London, May 18.

In consequence of continuous selling, francs further slumped, closing at 172 for French and 178 for Belgian francs.

AT GENEVA.**DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN.****DUTCH DELEGATE APPOINTED.***(Reuters Service.)*

Geneva, May 18.

Jonkheer Loudon, Holland, has been appointed Chairman of the preparatory Committee on the Disarmament Conference after M. Boncourt, France, had declined to be nominated by Viscount Cecil on the ground that he had an argument to advance and therefore his place was not in the chair.

British View.

At the Disarmament Committee Viscount Cecil opened the proceedings with a clear exposition of the British view of disarmament. He said that Great Britain was most anxious for a reduction in armaments in view of the financial position and unemployment in Great Britain. He pointed out that Great Britain was in a special position compared with other countries. The British Army did not depend on the size of the Armies of other countries. Besides garrisoning Great Britain, the Army had to discharge overseas requirements in India, Egypt, Mesopotamia, and Palestine.

As regards the Navy a number of cruisers were required owing to the British overseas Possessions, whilst the Royal Air force depended on the size of the air force in other countries.

Viscount Cecil concluded:—"We must find a basis for such disarmament and with goodwill we will attain our object."

COTTON INDUSTRY.**PLAN FOR BASIS SELLING PRICES.****ACTION IN MANCHESTER.***(Reuters Service.)*

Manchester, May 18.

A private meeting of the American section of the Master Cotton Spinners' Federation in Manchester unanimously approved of a plan for basis selling prices of American yarns, and empowered the Short Time Committee to take a ballot on the scheme which they will draw up as soon as possible. The plan will be worked in conjunction with short time.

STIGMA REMAINS!**GERMAN NAVAL ATTACHE'S WAR CRIMES.****AMERICA WON'T FORGIVE.***(Reuters American Service.)*

Washington, May 18.

The State Department has indicated it feels it has public opinion in the United States in support of the reported action of the American Embassy in Berlin in refusing to issue a passport for Captain Karl Boyed, ex-Naval Attache at the German Embassy in Washington, whose dismissal from Washington for violation of the neutrality laws of America was one of the dramatic incidents leading up to the entry of the United States into the war.

POLAR FLIGHT.**NORGE LIKE A MASS OF WRECKAGE.***(Reuters Service.)*

Nome, May 18.

Two cinematograph operators who had aeroplaned from Teller where they filmed the dismantling of the "Norge" say the dirigible resembled a mass of wreckage in deflated form. The airship will be shipped to America in a fortnight. In the meanwhile the films are being rushed to America by train and steamer.

DIPLOMATIC CORPS.**ITALIAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES TRANSFERRED.***(Reuters Service.)*

Shanghai, May 19.

The "North China Daily News" states that Commander Rossi has been appointed Italian Charge d'Affaires in Peking. His departure will make the American Mr. Edwin S. Cunningham, the Senior Consul in Shanghai.

DANISH AVIATOR.*(Reuters Service.)*

Copenhagen, May 18.

A message from Bagdad states that Lieut. Horschend has arrived there.

BOMBAY FIASCO.**BACK BACK RECLAMATION SCHEME.****COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY.***(Reuters Service.)*

London, May 18.

The India office announces that, at the request of the Government of Bombay, the Government of India has decided to appoint a Committee of Enquiry in connection with the Back Bay reclamation scheme.

Further Light.

Further light was thrown on the Bombay Development fiasco by Mr. Cowasji Jehangir in introducing the Development Budget into the Bombay Legislative Council. Sir George Buchanan, apparently, explained away the unsatisfactory output of the dredging plant during 1923-24 season by stating that it had not a fair trial. But the 1924-25 figures belied his optimism. Sir George's firm were thereupon apprised of the Bombay Government's opinion that suction dredging had proved a failure and that if the plant could be sold for a reasonable price it would be better to abandon dredging altogether. Acting on legal advice the Government gave notice to Messrs. Meik and Buchanan terminating their agreement with the Government. Mr. Cowasji Jehangir stated that "Government have little reason for satisfaction with the advice given by Sir George Buchanan during the inception of this project or with the firm's interpretations of their responsibilities under the agreement as engineers to the Secretary of State in carrying out the scheme." The Bombay Government are now making the best of an unfortunate situation by a careful consideration of arrangements to reduce as far as possible the heavy financial loss in which the scheme will inevitably result. In the meantime the Secretary of State has been considering the question of an independent enquiry with a view to fixing responsibility for the inception and execution of the early stages of the project. Such an enquiry certainly seems to be necessary on all grounds.

BAN ON BULBS.**DUTCH COMPLAINT AGAINST AMERICA.****ALLEGATION DENIED.***(Reuters Service.)*

The Hague, May 18.

In the Dutch Second Chamber, Heer Lovink raised the question of the United States prohibiting the importation of plants and bulbs from the Netherlands on the ground that they were diseased.

Heer Kan, Minister for Agriculture, said that he agreed with Heer Lovink that the method followed in the United States was not justified. Dutch plants were not diseased, but America was following the Monroe doctrine in excluding plants and bulbs at present cultivated in America. The Dutch Government was going to reopen the negotiations with the American Government with a view to having this unsporting treatment stopped.

MINING SENSATION.**UNDERGROUND FIGHT WITH POLICE.***(Reuters Service.)*

London, May 18.

A desperate underground fight in pitch darkness occurred early this morning in a lonely colliery at Abertillery when police found fifty unemployed miners stealing coal from the face of the mine. Two of the miners saw the police and raised the alarm.

The police rushed in and a terrific struggle ensued. After a long and exhausting struggle in mud and water the police arrested eight of the men and recovered 82 bags of coal.

PARLIAMENT.**THE RECESS TO BEGIN ON THURSDAY.***(British Wireless Service.)*

Rugby, May 18.

The House of Commons will debate the second reading of the Finance Bill to-morrow and a division will be taken on Thursday afternoon.

Later that day the House will adjourn for the Whitsuntide recess, re-assembling on June 1.

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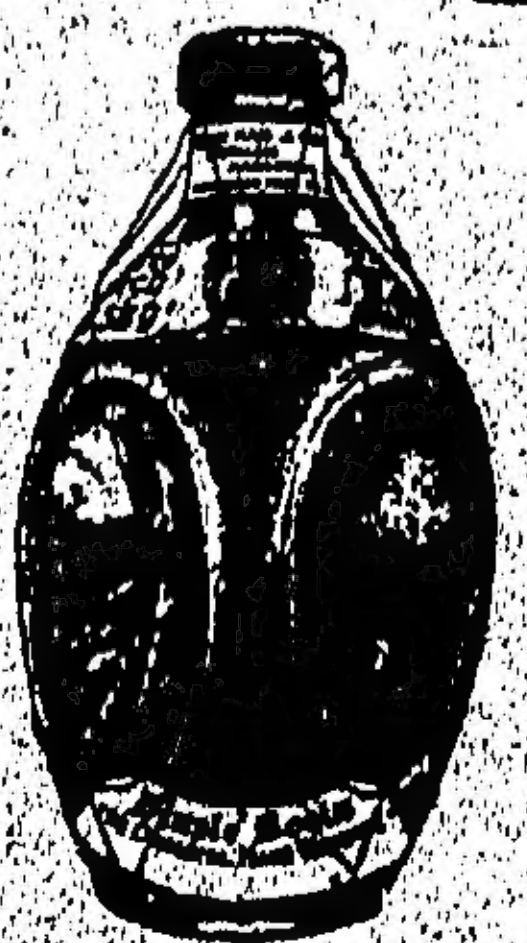
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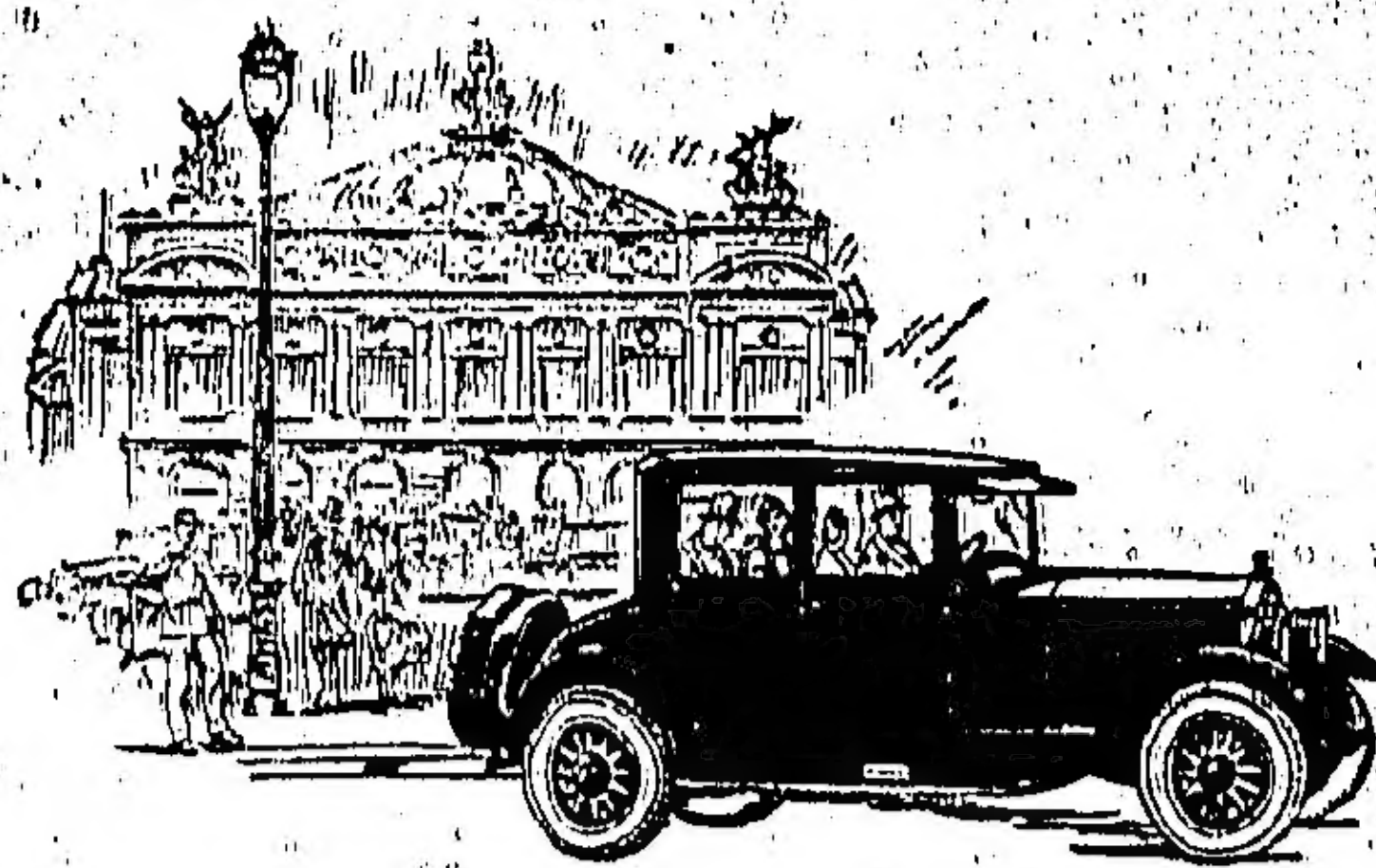
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Shareholders are reminded of to-morrow's annual meeting of the Hongkong and Territories Estates, Ltd., at St. George's Building, at 11 a.m.

The annual ordinary general meeting of the Peak Tramways Co., Ltd., is advertised to be held at the Hongkong Hotel on Friday, May 23, at 11 a.m.

The son of Mr. R. Taylor, of 119, Wong Nei Chong Road, was treated by Dr. Valentine yesterday for a dog bite. The attack was made at Kennedy Road by an animal which has so far not been traced.

Two Chinese were each sentenced to three months' hard labour at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday for theft of \$34.40 from a rice shop at Woo Sung Street. The money was stolen from a box during the absence of the master.

Owing to the absence of the complainant in the case, a charge of embezzlement against a partner of the Hing Ping-kee firm was withdrawn at the Central Magistracy yesterday. The Magistrate, in answer to submissions by the defence, said there was not sufficient ground for a charge of perjury against the complainant.

The master of a small cargo junk which returned to the Colony yesterday after a voyage to the Heungshan district with cargo has reported to the police that an armed launch came alongside at Wong Kok and took away all their defensive armament consisting of a small cannon, rifles and revolvers. Other property to the value of \$108 was also stolen.

Mail from Home will arrive every day from to-day until Saturday. To-day the s.s. "President Madison" is due with Home and European mail via Siberia, in addition to letters and papers from U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai; to-morrow the R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" will arrive with letters from London, of April 17, via Canada, and will also bring mail from Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai; on Friday letters from the United Kingdom, dated April 22, via Negapatam, should arrive by the "Pook Sang," and on Saturday the papers from Home of the same date should come by the s.s. "Belleroophon."

Rome, May 11.—"The Tribuna" says to-day that a papal consistory will be held in June but that no new cardinals will be chosen.

Tokyo, May 12.—During an educational cinematograph display last night given by the prefectural authorities in an elementary school at Kameari, in the suburbs of Tokyo, the upper floor of the building gave way. More than forty persons were injured, several of them seriously.

Berlin, May 11.—In launching a campaign for the establishment of a Pan-European federation the Austrian count von Coudenhove-Kalergi writing in the "Vossische Zeitung" says that "Europe is on the verge of another war." The war menace, he declares, is greater than in 1914 and that the present developments in European affairs are to be viewed from an historical standpoint as a prelude to a new outbreak.

Budapest, May 10.—The Hungarian franc counterfeiting trial began to-day with the twenty-four accused, forty-six witnesses and twenty-two lawyers present at the first hearing. The indictment charges Prince Windischgratz and his secretary, named Raba, with being the leaders of a gang of counterfeiters who are alleged to have made 30,000 spurious 1,000 franc notes.

Tokyo, May 12.—Mr. Issaku Koga, a young expert at the Electric Laboratory attached to the Tokyo Municipality, has invented a mechanical appliance by means of which communications between two wireless stations can be exchanged in such way that no other stations can catch or disturb them. It is claimed that the invention will enable secret wireless communication to be held more easily than by cipher telegrams.

Mukden, May 4.—Though the trains on the Peking-Mukden railway continue to run fairly regularly, they do not offer any inducements for foreigners to travel on them. For instance, the train which left yesterday morning for Tientsin was absolutely packed with soldiers. Numbers squatted on the roofs of carriages, while others stood in the corridors and steps, those on the latter having to hold on by the hand rails.

Owing to faulty cable connection, telegrams to and from Shanghai and beyond are subject to delay.

Colorado Springs, April 30.—An aeroplane crashed on top of a motor car in a busy street. The two occupants were killed.

Berlin, April 30.—Of the nine inhabitants of Catalonia, charged with the attempted murder of King Alfonso, three have been sentenced to death and the rest to imprisonment.

Iwaki, April 30.—The Japanese Naval Air Department, negotiating with the authorities at Peking regarding the opening of an air line between the naval harbour Sasebo and Peking via Shanghai and Tainan-tao.

Palembang, April 29.—The Merapi, a top of the volcano Dempo near Benkoelen, shows increased activity. The crater lake has probably run dry and the crater wall on the North side has been swept away.

Berlin, April 30.—A terrible fire is raging in the South Station at Bucharest which started as the result of the explosion of a number of tank wagons containing alcohol, which, it is stated, were set on fire purposely to cover fraudulent operations.

Moscow, April 8.—Russians desiring to travel abroad are encountering a serious economic obstacle through the new decree of the Soviet Government fixing a charge of \$100 for passports, giving the right to foreign travel. This charge is increased to \$150 for persons living on incomes undervived from labour.

London, April 8.—The School Masters' Association, at the Hull conference, unanimously decided that no man teacher should serve under a woman head-mistress, and that anyone refusing to do so should receive full financial support. The association also protested against equal pay for men and women teachers. The men claim that they usually have heavier family expenses than women, and can often keep boys in order where women fail. Nevertheless, the Hull decision means a contest with the National Union of Teachers here, which has declared for complete equality between the sexes.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Tokyo, May 10.—Baron Kenjiro Den, the former Governor-General of Formosa, was appointed a Privy Councillor.

Mrs. Pearl Savis, wife of Professor Savis, of the University of Nanking, and one of the most active leaders in the American Women's Club in Nanking, has arrived in Shanghai for a short visit.

"How can we forget thee," is the inscription on a tablet presented to Mr. Wai Tao-fung, Magistrate of Shanghai District, by the people of Kashing for valuable services rendered during his tenure of office in that district.

"I do not believe," says Lord Hugh Cecil, "that there is in the whole of Christian history any settled part of the Christian Church which is less remote from the Kingdom of Heaven as sketched in the New Testament than is the Church of England to-day."

"American women are extremely pretty," said Lady Lavery, when she gave her impressions of her visit to America. "The women there," she explained, "have small hands and feet—the influence of the Irish strain in them, I think—and their figures are the essence of daintiness."

Tokyo, May 12.—According to press reports, Mr. Shuichi Noyori, President of the Jitsugyo No Sakai (Business World, a monthly magazine) and a well known Japanese journalist, while returning home from an inspection tour in America and Europe by the Siberian line was recently arrested by the Soviet authorities on the border of Russia and China under suspicion of a military spy.

A social reception was given last week by Prince Ching at his house in Cambridge Road, Tientsin, to the Consular and military officers, Customs and Departmental officials, foreign Chamber of Commerce representatives and heads of honours. Prince Ching's two sons were present. He himself is the son of the famous Prince Ching who did such heroic service for his country and for the Empress Dowager in pulling things together after the Boxer rising in 1900.

Baltimore, May 9.—Mrs. Arthur Capper, wife of Senator Capper of Kansas, died here to-day following a serious operation.

Mr. Charles Wills, at one time engaged in newspaper work in Japan and more recently in Shanghai, died in Yokohama on May 3.

Mr. Harold Clayton, son of the late Bishop of Leicester, has been appointed secretary of the Church of England Men's Society. He was formerly associated with missionary work in Burma.

Mrs. Emily Jane Lucas, of Baltic Road, Tonbridge, Kent, has given birth to her 23rd child and has equalled the record recently established by Mrs. James Thomas Goldsmith, of Hadlow Road.

Peking, May 11.—A number of parliamentary members for the cause of defending the Provisional Constitution have left for Mukden, with a view to influencing Marshal Chang Tso-lin to restore the constitution.

"I have only been to a beauty parlour once, and then they told me they could do nothing with me unless they skinned me. I fled," said Priscilla, Countess Annesley, opening a beauty centre in Albermarle Street, W.

The name of Colonel L'Estrange Malone, the British Labour Party leader, now in Shanghai, seems difficult to translate into the many languages used in Shanghai newspapers. The Chinese newspapers call him Ma-lang, a Russian newspaper Maland, while a French newspaper, taking a story from a Chinese newspaper, called him Colonel Nilang.

The Prince of Wales and General Sir George Higginson attended the Grenadier Guards Comrades' meeting at Wellington Barracks. Sir George reaches his 100th birthday in June of this year and is the oldest general in the British Army. He served with the Grenadiers for thirty years, and went right through the Crimean war, being twice promoted on the field. He has been associated with the regiment ever since.

We regret to record the death of Mr. J. H. Lingard, who was manager of "The Daily Mail" in its early years. Mr. Lingard had lived in retirement since 1910, and he died recently at Westcliff after a long illness.

New York, May 10.—Ignace Paderewski, Polish statesman and musician, was to-day awarded the distinctive service medal, the tenth given by the American Legion. It was conferred on Mr. Paderewski for his work in giving service benefits for the American Legion fund.

"No truth whatever in resignation report," was the answer given by Governor General Wood in response to a telegram sent from Manila to the Governor's Baguio headquarters asking him for a direct statement on the rumours that he had or was about to resign.

The death is announced of Father John J. Monahan, an American Jesuit father, who had been engaged in educational and missionary work in the Philippines since 1923. Father Monahan was a scholar and a noted orator.

Vigan, May 11.—The father of Bishop Verzosa of Lipa, Batangas, died yesterday at 4.30 p.m. His death is due to his old age, he having 75 years old. Bishop Verzosa arrived in Vigan this morning to be present at the funeral services over the body of his father.

The forthcoming weddings are announced of Cheah Kong Sang, medical practitioner on the s.s. "Anhui," and Lily Louise Tsan Tze Soon, of 11, Babington Path; Lai Tze-kei, merchant, of 347, Portland Street, and Wong Ding-long, teacher, of 25, Jordan Road.

Paris, May 9.—The tragic death of Mlle. Vanda Sylvano, a well-known French film actress, who was found dead in her house at Courbevoie with her friend Mlle. Hyward, a barrister, lying seriously ill by her side, is engaging the attention of the Paris police. It is believed that Mlle. Sylvano died as the result of an overdose of narcotic.

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THE AUSTRALIANS.

MATCH WITH M.C.C. LEFT DRAWN.

VISITORS' STRONG TAIL.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, May 18.

The match at Lord's between the M.C.C. and Australia was left drawn.

There were 5,000 present. The sky was overcast, and the wicket soft and easy.

From 264 runs for 9 wickets overnight (Ponsford 46 not out), the Australians (1st innings) went on to add 119 runs without loss, and declared at 383 runs for 9 wickets.

W. H. Ponsford made 110 not out, and A. J. Richardson 50 not out. They put on the last 119 runs in 100 minutes.

Nigel Haig took 6 wickets for 102 runs.

The M.C.C. who had made 199 runs in their first innings, were 88 runs for 5 wickets (2nd innings) when stumps were drawn.

COUNTY CRICKET.

LATEST CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS.

TATE STILL IN FORM.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, May 18.

County cricket matches ended to-day resulted:—

Sussex v. Somerset.

At Brighton, Sussex lost to Somerset by 29 runs. Scores:—Somerset (1st) 233 runs. Bowley took 7 wickets for 57 runs. Sussex (1st) 108 runs. Bowley made 54.



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Somerset (2nd) 143 runs. Tate took 6 wickets for 33 runs. Sussex (2nd) 239 runs. Bowley made 78.

Warwick v. Notts.

At Birmingham, Warwickshire took first innings points from Notts, in a drawn match. Scores:—

Notts (1st) 87 runs. N. E. Partridge took 5 wickets for 14 runs.

Warwick (1st) 201 runs. Parsons made 71, Santall 56; Richmond took 7 wickets for 59 runs.

Rain then fell and play was abandoned.

Kent v. Gloucester.

At Gravesend, Kent beat Gloucester by seven wickets. Scores:—

Gloucester (1st) 204 runs. Smith made 88.

Kent (1st) 320 runs. Ashdown made 83, Seymour 50.

Gloucester (2nd) 206 runs. Smith made 61.

Kent (2nd) 93 runs for 3 wickets.

The table now stands:—

Pld.	Won	Lst.	Pos.	Pts.	No.	Perc.
Middlesex	2	2	0	0	100.00	
Kent	1	1	0	0	100.00	
Yorkshire	1	1	0	0	100.00	
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STRAIGHT FIVE.

U.S. WALKER CUP TEAM DEFEATED.

GOLF SENSATION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Woking, May 18.

The American "Walker" Cup golf team was sensationally defeated by a strong "Moles" team, captained by Harris, who won all 6 matches.

In the foursomes, Harris and Hazlet beat Bobby Jones and Sweetser by 4 and 3.

Torrance and Beck beat Outmet and Guilford by two holes.

Layton and Gilles beat Gardner and Watts Gunn by 3 and 1.

Powell and Murray beat Von Elm and Mackenzie by 4 and 3.

Fairlie and Roberts beat Standish and Waldo by 5 and 4.

Decision Reversed.

Later, The Americans were victorious in the afternoon.

Guilford and Outmet (U.S.A.) beat Layton and Gilles by 4 and 3.

Beck and Powell halved with Jones and Watts Gunn (U.S.A.).

Von Elm and Sweetser (U.S.A.) beat Murray and Harris by 2 and 1.

Hazlet and Roberts beat Mackenzie and Gardner (U.S.A.) by 2 and 1.

Standish and Waldo (U.S.A.) beat Torrance and Fairlie by 7 and 6.

[Note:—The visitors therefore won the afternoon match by 3½ to 1½, but still lost the day by 3½ to 6½.]

DAVIS CUP.

LATEST SECOND ROUND RESULTS.

EUROPEAN ZONE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Latest results of ties in the European Zone of the Davis Cup lawn tennis competition are:—

At Rome:—Italy beat Holland by 3 matches to 2 (third round).

At Barcelona:—Argentina beat Hungary by 3 matches to 2 (second round).

At Malmoe:—Sweden beat Switzerland by 3 matches to 2 (second round).

HOME RUGGER.

LATEST RESULTS AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

London, May 1.

The following are the results of matches played in the Rugby Union:—

Maesteg 3, Neath 3.

Pontypool 14, Penarth 3.

Aberillery 9, Llanelli 6.

Newport 12, Cardiff 8.

RIFLE INTERPORT.

SHANGHAI HOLD FIRST PRACTICE.

GETTING READY.

The first practice for the Shanghai Rifle Association in the Far East Interport Match was held on May 13 and the result was very satisfactory (observes the "China Press").

The second practice, and the final selection of the team, will take place on May 19 (to-day) at 7.30 a.m.

Australia's team against Leicester (match drawn) on May 1 was:—

H. L. Collins, W. Bardsley, C. G. Macartney, J. M. Taylor, J. Ryder, W. H. Ponsford, T. J. E. Andrews, J. M. Gregory, W. A. Oldfield, S. Everett, C. V. Grimmett. These are given in batting order. The others in the tour are A. A. Malley, H. L. Hendry, A. J. Richardson, W. M. Woodfull, J. L. Ellis.

BOXING.

EUROPEAN HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

ITALIAN DEFEATED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Barcelona, May 18.

In the contest for the heavy-weight championship of Europe the Spaniard, Paolino, beat the Italian holder, Spilla, on points.

The winner takes 80,000 and the loser 40,000 pesetas.

HOLDERS WIN.

LOCAL TENNIS DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

YESTERDAY'S FINAL.

While they were making a great fight for the second set, Major W. W. Stevenson and Major W. B. Pratt looked as though they might extend S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn in the final of the open doubles championship at the H.K.C.C. tennis tournament, yesterday.

But once the Indian lads established a two set lead, the military pair went off just a trifle.

With the winners asserting their undoubted superiority, it only became a matter of minutes and the Rumjahns became holders of the trophies for the second year.

The result was a foregone conclusion. Most of the spectators wanted to see if the soldiers could



H. D. Rumjahn.

take one, or possibly two, sets from the cousins. They failed to do so but nevertheless played good tennis.

Major Stevenson, who is left-handed, was in brilliant form and his partner tried hard but his weakness in volleying told its tale.

The Rumjahns combined to better purpose but their smashing was not as good as it has been.

After winning the first set 6-2, the Rumjahns were 1-4 in the second set. They got up to 4-5, and 5-4. After that the military twice secured the lead, but the youngsters won 12-10, after a



S. A. Rumjahn.

ding-dong struggle. Then the losers showed the merest touch of "going off," the Rumjahns kept up their attack and won 6-0.

Two Victories.

A. H. Crook and O. C. Womack (rec. 3/6) had two victories yesterday in the handicap doubles.

They beat R. Hancock and E. Grimble (owe 15/2) in the 4th round by 6-4, 7-5. After a short rest they defeated W. L. Dunbar and W. Lyons (owe 1/8) by 6-2, 7-5.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

HOME TURF.

AWAITING DECISION TO RESUME.

RAILWAYS' ATTITUDE

(Reuter's Service.)

London, May 18.

The Stewards of the Jockey Club and the National Hunt Committee are unable to obtain guarantees from the railway companies that they will deal with racehorse traffic.

Consequently they are unable to issue any statement with regard to the resumption of racing.

The chairman of the Doncaster Race Committee has consequently cancelled the arrangements for the Doncaster meeting.

Derby Probables.

London, May 18.

Probable starters in the Derby (1½ miles) which is to be run at Epsom on June 2, are as follows:—

Apple Sammy (Jolliffe), Artist Glow (James), Bicarbonate (G. Richards), Booklet (R. Jones), Buckaway (—), Captain Blood (S. Donoghue), Colorado (Weston), Comedy King (Perryman), Forenoon (Childs), Flinglas (Archibald), Flawless (Wells), Gaiety (Pryor), Gay Lothario (Thwaites), Harpagon (E. Elliott), Pope (J. Lanch), Lex (Benny), Macanudo (Lane), Masked Rider (Ealing), Pantera (Wagg), Phalarope (Smirke), Roachery (W. Baskley), Review Order (H. Baskley), Southbourne (Dempsey), Swift and Sure (Brennan).

SCHOOL BASKETBALL.

Ying Wa College (champions in both divisions) defeated "the Best" in an exhibition game (at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. yesterday) in the Schools Basketball League.

Mr. E. G. Stewart (President) gave away the trophies. There were also present Mr. S. W. Ko, Mr. Ho Kailau and Mr. Richard Shim.

BABE RUTH IN FORM.

New York, May 10.—Babe Ruth, famous batsman of the New York Yankees, made his seventh home run of the season to-day in the game with the Detroit Tigers, which the latter team won by seven to five.—"China Press."

COLONY'S HEALTH.

Another case of small-pox was notified yesterday, from Kowloon. There were also two cases of enteric fever, one from the city and one from Kowloon. All the patients were Chinese. (See also page 3, column 5.)

In the 3rd round of the Club (singles) Championship, the University entrants, R. E. Tottenham and F. A. Redmond, waged a prolonged duel, mostly from the base-line, and they both lived to fight again.

Redmond brought off some of his best shots, passing his opponent when pressed back in a corner.

Tottenham also hit hard, and returned compliments in cuts and chops, but he varied his game by venturing up to the net.

Tottenham won the first set 14-12 and the second 6-0. Redmond took the third 4-8 and the fourth 3-6. Deuce was called many times and one game took 26 strokes. (The match will be replayed.)

MONDAY'S RESULTS.

Monday's results were inadvertently omitted from yesterday's issue.

The semi-finals in the open doubles championship were decided. The match in which the holders (the Rumjahns) were engaged produced tennis of very high class, some of the best seen this year.

The Indians won the first set 6-2, but Hancock and Redmond took the next 4-6, thanks mainly to Hancock's determined effort in getting a two game lead at the beginning. Then the Rumjahns won two more sets, both 6-2.

The other match went the full distance, Major W. W. Pratt and Major W. B. Stevenson defeating A. S. Hett and E. Grimble 6-6, 6-2, 6-7, 6-4. The winners led by 1 game 6-1 in the fourth set and then 5-8 in the final set when the losers' luckiest attempt just failed.

Other results were:—Handicap doubles (4th rd.) W. L. Dunbar and W. Lyons (owe 1/6) beat T. C. Monaghan and C. C. Stark (owe 4/6) 8-1, 6-3. (3rd rd.) L. Forester and R. E. Tottenham (owe 30) beat A. K. Mackenzie and C. C. Bowker (owe 6-0).

Mixed doubles (semi-final) O. C. Womack and Mrs. E. R. Childs (owe 1/8) beat H. W. Fitzroy Williams and Mrs. Williams (rec. 4/8) 6-3, 8-10, 7-5.

THE OLD CURE.

CASTOR OIL SEEDS GROWN LOCALLY.

FUTURE PROSPECTS?

Our local climate has proved favourable to the cultivation of many things for which there is a constant demand and which has led to the growth and successful conduct of local industries.

The success which has attended a local experiment in the growth of castor oil seeds leads to the natural query whether there may not also be a future for such growth on a large scale.

A local resident who made the experiment reports that he has collected from one bush since December, 26 ounces of perfectly formed castor oil seeds; that he has not given it special attention or cultivation or trouble to collect the seed daily. The full crop from the bush, which covers about 10 square feet, is probably over 2 lbs. The original seeds were imported.

Apart from use as a medicine, there is a constant demand for castor oil seeds for lubrication purposes, particularly in the lubrication of aircraft engines, many millions of gallons being consumed yearly.

An even more valuable use to which it may be put locally is in connection with mosquito-preventative measures, a crude form of castor oil having proved very successful in treatment of pools by the local sanitary officials. The only drawback to its extensive use locally is its expense but given local production the oil would probably be more extensively used.

Any who are interested in the possibility of castor oil seed growing locally should apply at the offices of the "China Mail" where are the 26 ozs. which came from the bush referred to.

The Government has been questioned recently as to the prospects of ginger cultivation if more support was forthcoming. It may be that before long a sister industry of almost equal importance is developed.

OPIMUM TRAFFIC.

LARGE HAUL BY A CONSTABLE.

\$5,000 FINE.

A vigilant constable on search duty at the "Star" ferry wharf yesterday unearthed 300 taels of raw opium ingeniously hidden under the lid and sides of a wooden box. A part of this haul was similarly "concealed" under the lining of a cane basket.

The possessor of these packages was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning when he denied knowledge of the contents by saying that the packages were entrusted to his care by another man who came together with him from Sheklung. In an endeavour to make his case stronger, accused mentioned that the constable on discovering the opium asked for \$500 to let him off.

The case being proved, His Worship said: "I am going to fine you \$5,000—ten times as much. If you fail to pay that you will go to prison for nine months."

WAR DEBTS.

FRENCH EXPERTS' VISIT TO LONDON.

CORDIAL CONVERSATIONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, May 18.

At the conclusion of further conferences between M. Peret and Mr. Winston Churchill, also between the French and British financial experts to settle the outstanding points on which an agreement had not been reached in previous negotiations, a communiqué was issued stating that the ground was thoroughly explored in a spirit of cordiality and in a friendly tone.

M. Peret returns to Paris tomorrow to meet the French Cabinet. He hopes to return to London shortly.

Meantime the French experts will continue their conversations with the experts at the British Treasury.

A THIEF'S TRICK.

A trick adopted by a thief of grabbing a quantity of cigarettes from a stall at West Point and running away with it by shouting out "Ah Fook" failed, as he was caught by the police after a chase.

When charged at the Magistracy this morning, accused attempted to explain that he was running after Ah Fook to get the money.

This excuse proved unsatisfactory and he was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour.

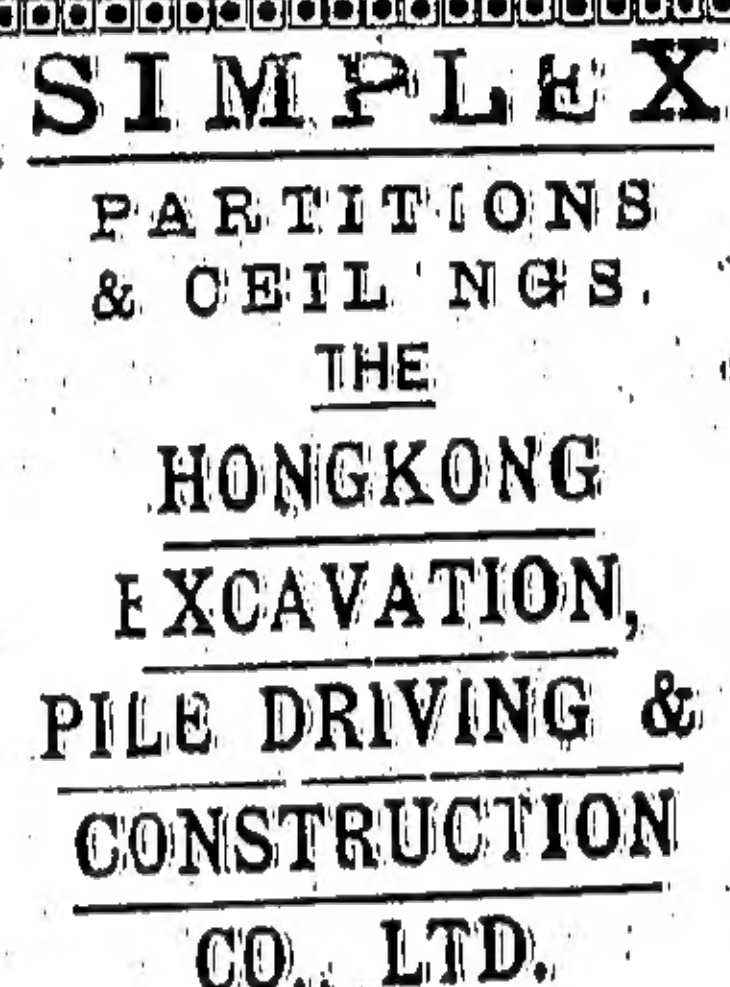
LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, MAY 19, 1926, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers Association.	Share & Real Estate.
T.T. on London	2/34	2/34	2/34
T.T. on Shanghai Banks.	76 1/2	76 1/2	nom.
Hongkong Bank	109 1/2 b.	1100 b.	\$1095 n.
do. London.	112 1/2 n.	—	1125 n.
Chartered Bank	230 1/2 n.	230 1/2 n.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B. do. C.	230 1/2 n.	230 1/2 n.	—
P. & O. Bank	230 1/2 n.	230 1/2 n.	—
Bank of East Asia	230 1/2 n.	230 1/2 n.	—
Marine Insurance.	86 n.	84 b.	\$85 n.
Canton Insurance	500 b. x d.	595 b. x d.	1585 b. x d.
China Underwriters	100 b.	—	100 a.
North China Insurance.	T 145 n.	T 140 n.	—
Union Insurance	288 n.	288 b.	\$289 b.
Yangtze Insurance	37 1/2 b.	44 n.	—
Fire Insurance.	—	—	—
China Fire Insurance...	170 b.	170 b.	—
E.K. Fire Insurance	560 b.	550 b.	540 b.
Shipping.	—	—	—
Douglases	28 n.	28 n.	28 n.
Hongkong Steamboats	24 1/2 n.	24 1/2 n.	25 a.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	24 s.	24 n.	24 n.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	38 n.	30 n.	37 n.
do. (Def.) Ltd.	45 1/2 n.	—	45 a.
do. () Hk.	—	45 n.	—
Oriental Navigation	—	—	—
Shell Transports	87 1/2 n.	87 1/2 n.	90 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	\$62 1/2 n.	64 1/2 s.	\$62 b.
Water-bots	15 n.	15 n.	15 s.
Railways.	—	—	—
China Sugars	24 1/2 s.	24 1/2 s.	24 s.
Malayan Sugars	35 n.	35 n.	33 a.
Mining.	—	—	—
Sengwa	13 1/2 b.	—	47 1/2 n.
Kailan Mining Ad.	42 1/2 b.	42 1/2 n.	42 1/2 n.
Langkats (Combined)	24 1/2 ob.	T 12 n.	24 1/2 n.
do. (Single)	12 1/2 b.	12 n.	—
Shanghai Exploration	54 n.	5 s.	—
Shanghai Loan	7 n.	7 s.	—
Rauba	5 s.	5 s.	4 1/2 s.
Crown Mines	65 1/2 n.	64 1/2 b.	—
Ural Caspian	8 1/2 n.	—	—
Docks, Wharves Godowns, &c.	—	—	—
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$128 s. 126 1/2	125 b. 127 s.	\$126 b. 126 1/2
H.K. & W. Docks	55 n.	58 s.	57 s. (sa)
Hongkew	T180 b.	—	180 b.
New Engineering	500 b.	T 500 b.	534 b.
Shanghai Docks	105 1/2 n.	105 b.	105 n.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.	—	—	—
H.K. & S. Hotels (old).	10,300 b. 10 1/2 a.	10,35 b.	10 1/2 b. & sa.
do. (new)	—	—	—
Hongkong Lands	61 1/2 b. 62 sa.	61 1/2 b.	60 b.
H.K. Realty	534 b.	6 s.	6 a.
H.K. Territorial	5 n.	54 s.	5 s.
Humphreys Estates	15 1/2 n.	15 s.	14 1/2 s.
Princes Building	95 b.	100 s.	—
Rural Lands	7 n.	—	—
Cotton Mills.	—	—	—
Two Cottons	10,10 n.	T10,10 b. 10,30	T10 b. 10 1/2 s.
Oriental	3 n.	3 b.	2,90 b.
Shanghai Cottons (old).	53 b.	53 b.	53 n.
do. (new)	27 b.	27 b.	27 n.
Miscellaneous.	—	—	—
Canton Ice	37 1/2 b.	37 s.	\$ 7 s.
Cements (comb.)	145 s.	144 n.	13 1/2 s.
do. (old)	13 n.	13 n.	11 1/2 n.
do. (new)	3 n.	2 1/2 n.	7 1/2 n.
Hina Buses	1130 b.	—	10 1/2 a.
Hina Lights (comb.)	18 1/2 n.	18 b.	14 1/2 s.
do. (old)	13 1/2 s.	13 s.	10 s.
do. (new)	9 1/2 b.	10 s.	—
Hina Prov. (comb.)	—	—	—
do. (old)	580 n.	580 b.	5 1/2 b.
do. (new)	—	—	—
Dairy Farms	19 1/2 s.	19 1/2 s.	19 1/2 s.
Der A Wing (full pd.).	9 a.	8 s.	—
do. (part pd.).	—	—	—
Hongkong Amusements	11 1/2 n.	11 1/2 b.	3 1/2 s.
H.K. Constructions	25 1/2 n.	3 s.	64 1/2 b.
Hongkong Electrics	64 1/2 b.	64 1/2 s.	64 1/2 b.
H.K. Developments	25 cts n.	22 cts s.	25 n.
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	30 s.	—	30 n.
do. (old)	10 s.	10 1/2 n.	10 n.
do. (new)	5 s.	5 1/2 s.	5 n.
Hongkong Tramways	2380 n.	23 1/2 s.	23 1/2 b.
ane, Crawford	10 1/2 s.	8 o. 8 1/2 s.	8 1/2 b.
Vacuo Electrics	40 n.	—	—
Macdonald	19 1/2 n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	13 b.	18 b.
Peak Trams (old)	17 1/2 b.	17 1/2 b.	8 s.
do. (new)	7 1/2 b.	8 n.	8 s.
Sinceres	11 a.	10 1/2 s.	11 n.
Singapore Trams	5 1/2 s.	6 1/2 s.	2 1/2 n.
Axis	4 s.	3 s.	—
United Asbestos	20 n.	—	—
do. (Founders)	—	600 n.	—
do. (Ordinary)	—	18 n.	—
Vatsons (old)	12 1/2 b. 12 1/2 sa	12 1/2 b.	12 s.
do. (new)	—	—	—
V.M. Powells	10 n.	9 1/2 s.	10 n.
H.K. Telephone	—	—	—

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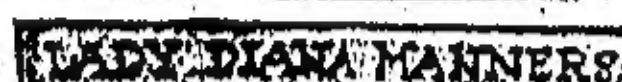
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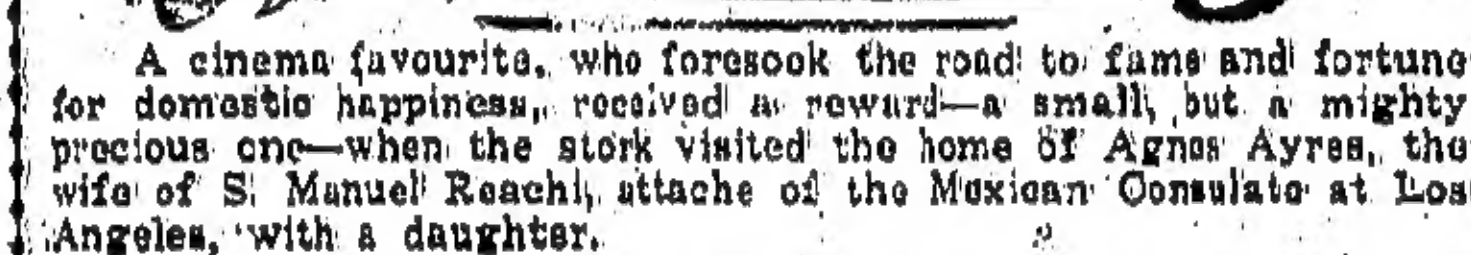
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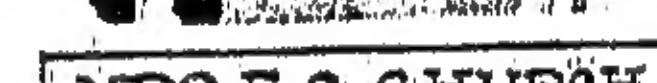
Much has been printed concerning the opera debuts of Mary Lewis, Marion Talley, and others, but little Helen Wilson, of New York, slipped into the Metropolitan and no one discovered it until she played the part of "Hootchie" in "L'Oracolo." Helen is only eight years old and looks even younger.



Claiming he restored the beauty of Lady Diana Manners, titled English actress, by (1) rejuvenating the eyes, (2) lifting her mouth, (3) removing a double chin, and (4) taking the wrinkles from her neck, Dr. Henry J. Schiereson is suing for his \$1,000 fee.



Most people would be willing to lead a dog's life, if it were as comfortable and happy as that of Francie, the eighteen-ounce black and tan brought home by Mrs. Sidney Williams, a well-known society lady. Francie's expenses are \$4,000 a year and Mrs. Williams spends \$27,000 a year on him and four other pups.



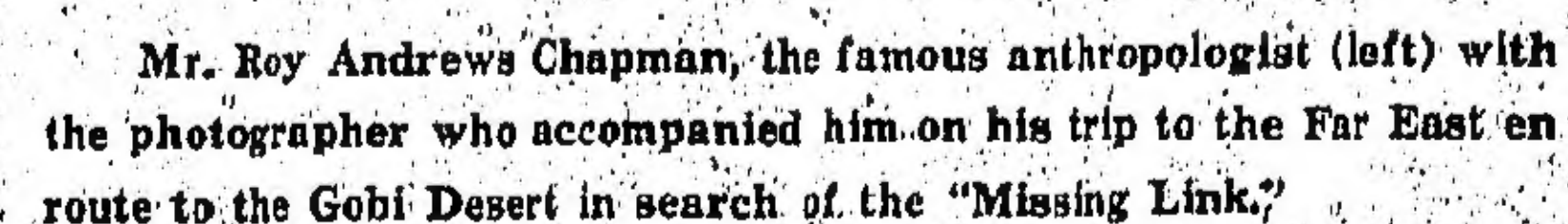
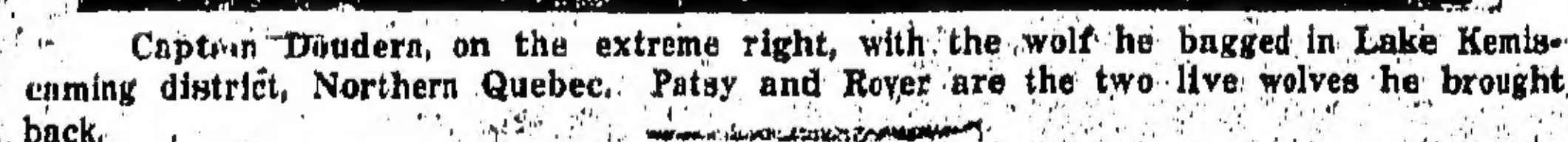
The first public appearance of Mrs. Frederic C. Church, of Boston, formerly Muriel Vanderbilt, was made when she espoused the cause of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and collected funds.



Harry Thaw, who was one of the bright lights of Broadway until the murder of Stanford White, twenty years ago, banished him to an insane asylum, is back at the old stand, happier than ever. Here's the costume he wore to a masquerade at a night club.



Three days after she was divorced from Herbert Rawlinson, moving picture director, Roberta Arnold, Broadway stage star, married Frank L. Lynch, World War aviator and millionaire manufacturer of Hillside, N.J. Now she wants a divorce, naming another beauty.

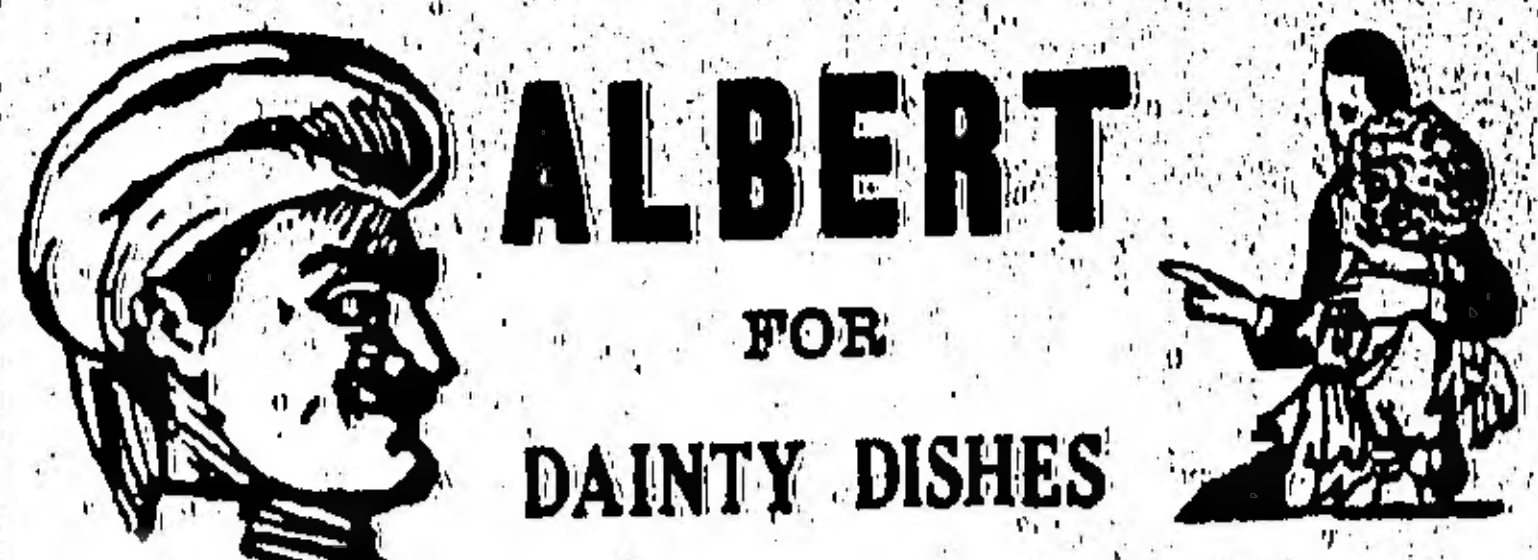


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YEN SEE'S SOLUTION. ASKS AUTHORITIES TO CO-OPERATE.

Peking, May 9.
The following is the gist of political views expressed by Dr. W. W. Yen in the form of a circular telegram issued to-day: "The means to avert the confusion of the situation and to relieve the populace of misfortune and misery lie, without doubt, in the respect of the national law, but to pay due regard to facts is the utmost necessity. Therefore, I set aside matters relating to the law, but confine myself to facts. "Civil wars are breaking out year after year, and the populace are being subjected to great misery. The number of troops in each province shall be fixed at an open conference by taking into consideration financial power and customs as well as manners of respective provinces. If measures for the development of local industry and economy should be devised and put in force, it is evident that the resuscitation of the country will be achieved. Near Bankruptcy. "The Central Government is on the verge of bankruptcy, and yet demands for military funds are constantly being made upon the Government, thereby rendering its financial burden all the more unbearable. "The Central Government is one for all provinces and not for Peking only. It is, therefore, imperative for provincial military and civil administrators to pay their attention to this point, to refrain from seizing salt tax which is the most important income to the Central Government, which in turn should curtail its expenses as much as possible and make public all the revenue and expenditure. Not Difficult Task. "If, by so doing, a good understanding is obtained from the people at large, it may not be difficult for the Government and people to save the country. The fact that troops have hitherto more than once seized trains and obstructed the business of railways merely for their own ends has rendered it impossible for the Government authorities to pay off debts to foreign creditors. This has given rise to severe criticism by the foreign Powers concerned. More than this, the suspension of communications has resulted in the exhaustion of the national resources. "All the military authorities, therefore, should in future consult with the railway authorities as regards the transportation of troops. The Director of the Railway Bureau shall be appointed by the Ministry of Communications. In case the foregoing reforms can be accomplished, it is quite natural that some good results will accrue, or otherwise it would be of no use if I alone should fall a victim. "Tohe."

SINGAPORE TRAWLER ARRIVES. FISHERIES VESSEL WILL START WORK SHORTLY.

The first Government trawler, the "Tongkol," a rather insignificant looking vessel when she took her place with the other ships in the inner harbour, is at present alongside the wharf at Keppel Harbour where she will be in dock for some days. The "Tongkol" is fully equipped for the work that she is to do in these waters, but she requires a coat of new paint very badly and the Harbour Board will put the finishing touches on her before she starts out on her first trip.

On her arrival in the harbour from Middlesborough, which port she left on March 15, the trawler was boarded by Mr. Green, Director of Fisheries, and Mr. Green told a "Free Press" representative that a start would be made with the work that the trawler is required to do, as soon as possible. As far as he knew, the trawler would require little, if any, attending to during the time that she will spend in dock here, the only thing that is needed being a new coat of paint.

The "Tongkol" is a vessel of 283 tons gross, and 108 net, and in appearance she is little bigger than the vessels of the numerous small coasting fleets in service in these waters. Yet, she is a vessel which has seen service off the East Coast of England, and will be able to do 3,000 miles without putting into port for supplies or fuel.

She is at present in command of Captain Brady and a crew of fourteen hands, but when in service in these waters she will be manned by three Lowestoft fishermen and a crew of Hyams of the type found on the tongkangs which trade between Singapore and the neighbouring islands with cargoes of timber.

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CHURCH CHOIR ON STRIKE. QUESTION OF RE-MARRIAGE AFTER DIVORCE.

For the fifth Sunday in succession there was no choir on March 28 at St. John's Church, Bierley, Bradford. The choristers are on strike because the vicar, the Rev. A. F. White, decided that one of their members, who had obtained a divorce against his wife, must, if he re-married, leave the choir. The other members of the choir held that their fellow-member was blameless, and demanded his unconditional membership.

Negotiations having failed to bring about a settlement, the Bishop of Bradford conferred with the vicar, the churchwardens, and four representatives of the choir, with the result that the Bishop upheld the vicar's view. In a statement the Bishop said:—"The vicar takes a point of view which is perfectly legitimate according to the canon law of the Church, and I cannot do otherwise than uphold him. The vicar is prepared to invite the old members of the choir to return, but they must go back on his conditions. I think they are quite good conditions, and I have told the choir representatives so. I think it is a condition which the man himself ought to accept."

TO WIPE OUT LEPROSY.

SOUTH OF SPAIN.

Madrid, April 25.—The Spanish government is taking steps to wipe out leprosy in the south of Spain where the disease still claims many victims.

Dr. Francisco Murillo, director general of sanitary services, has just returned from a visit to the various national leper colonies, and reported that the new prophylactic methods were showing excellent results.

In the sanatorium of Fontilles, province of Alicante, 350 lepers are taken care of. Additions will be built shortly, providing facilities for another 150 patients, at which figure, it is estimated, the remainder of the leprosy cases in that region. Dr. Murillo says that the improvement in methods of caring for lepers permits a larger and larger percentage of cures.

In Granada, Dr. Murillo had a conference with leading officials of the Andalusian districts. It was decided to build another leper colony at San Lázaro, near the city, which with the sanatorium at Fontilles and Santiago, will provide sufficient facilities for all the lepers remaining at large in Spain.

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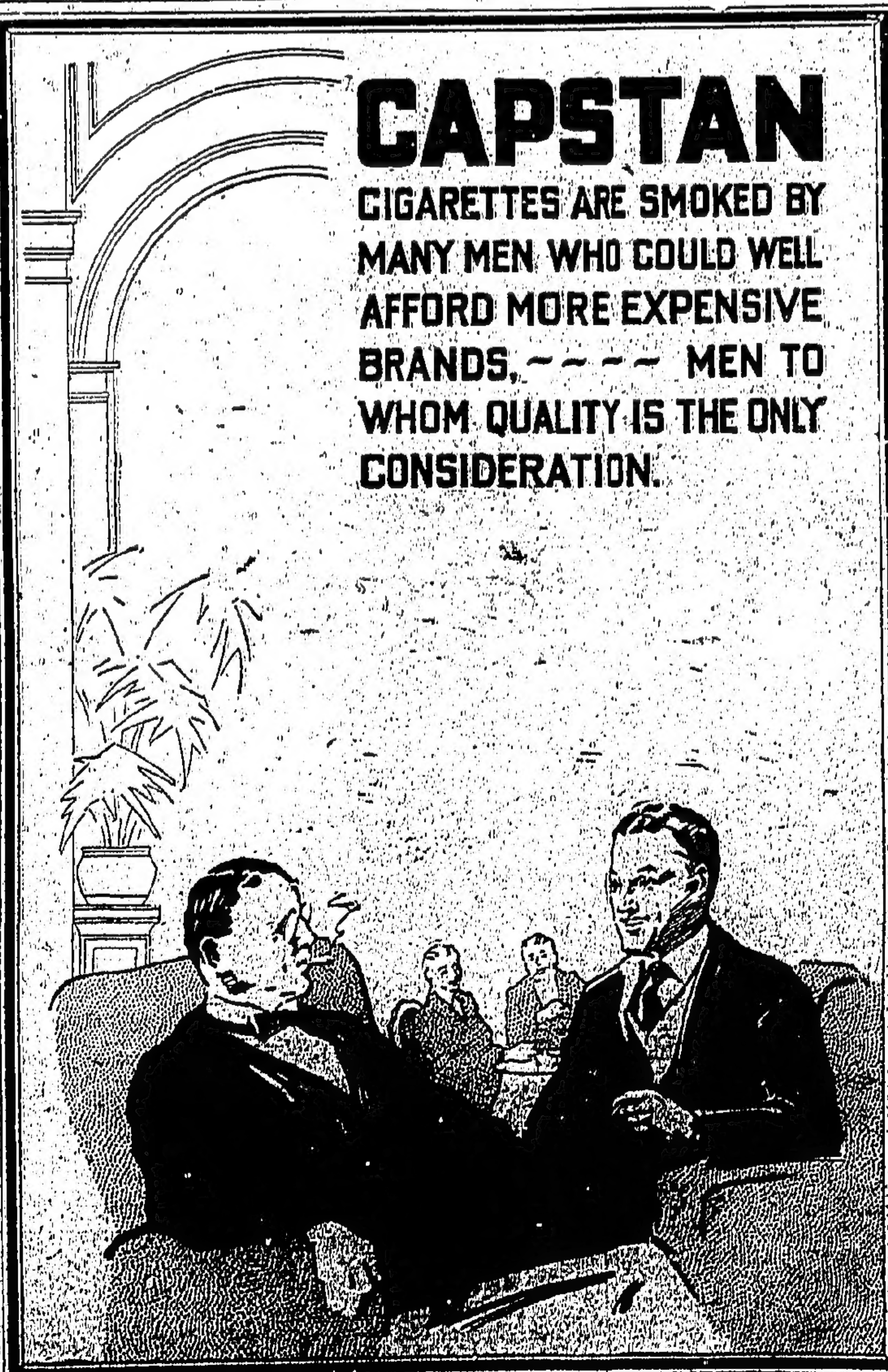
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L. C. F. BELLAMY,
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Hongkong, 19th May, 1926.

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purpose of receiving the report of the
Directors together with a Statement
of Accounts for the year ended
30th April, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
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MONDAY, 24th May, to MONDAY,
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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
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Hongkong, 18th May, 1926.

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purpose of receiving the Report of
the Directors and the Statements
of Account to 31st December, 1925,
and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the
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Hongkong, May 8, 1926.

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No. 6, Connaught Road, on
THURSDAY, the 20th May, 1926,
at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose
of receiving a Statement of
Accounts and the Report of the
General Managers for the period
ended 31st December, 1925, and
electing a Consulting Committee
and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the
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tors and the Statements of Account
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declaring Dividends, etc.

**THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the
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PAUL LAUDER,
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Amoy	Talma	
EUROPE via Negapatam (Letters only London 22nd April)	Pookang	
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FRIDAY, MAY 21.		
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